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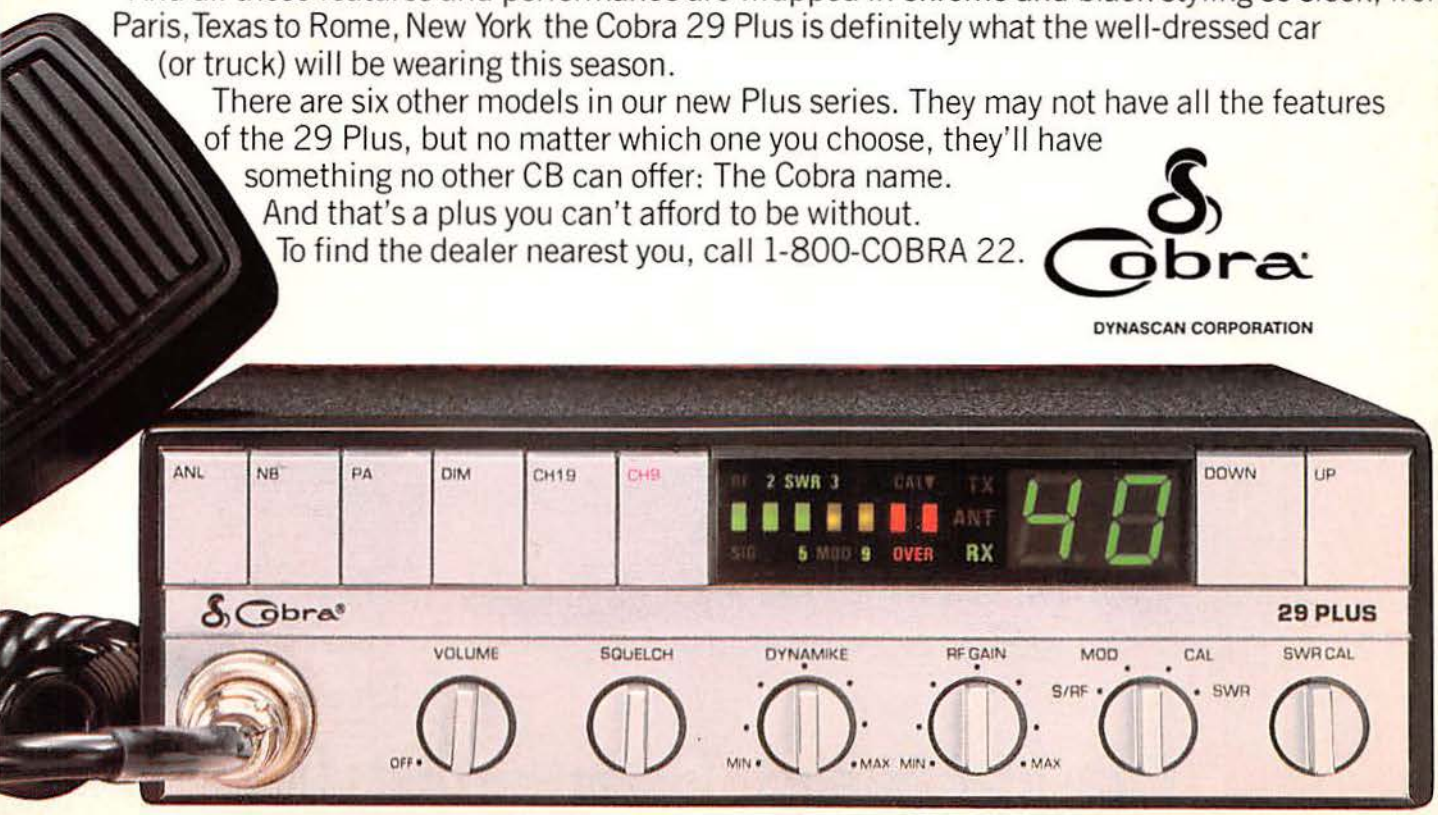
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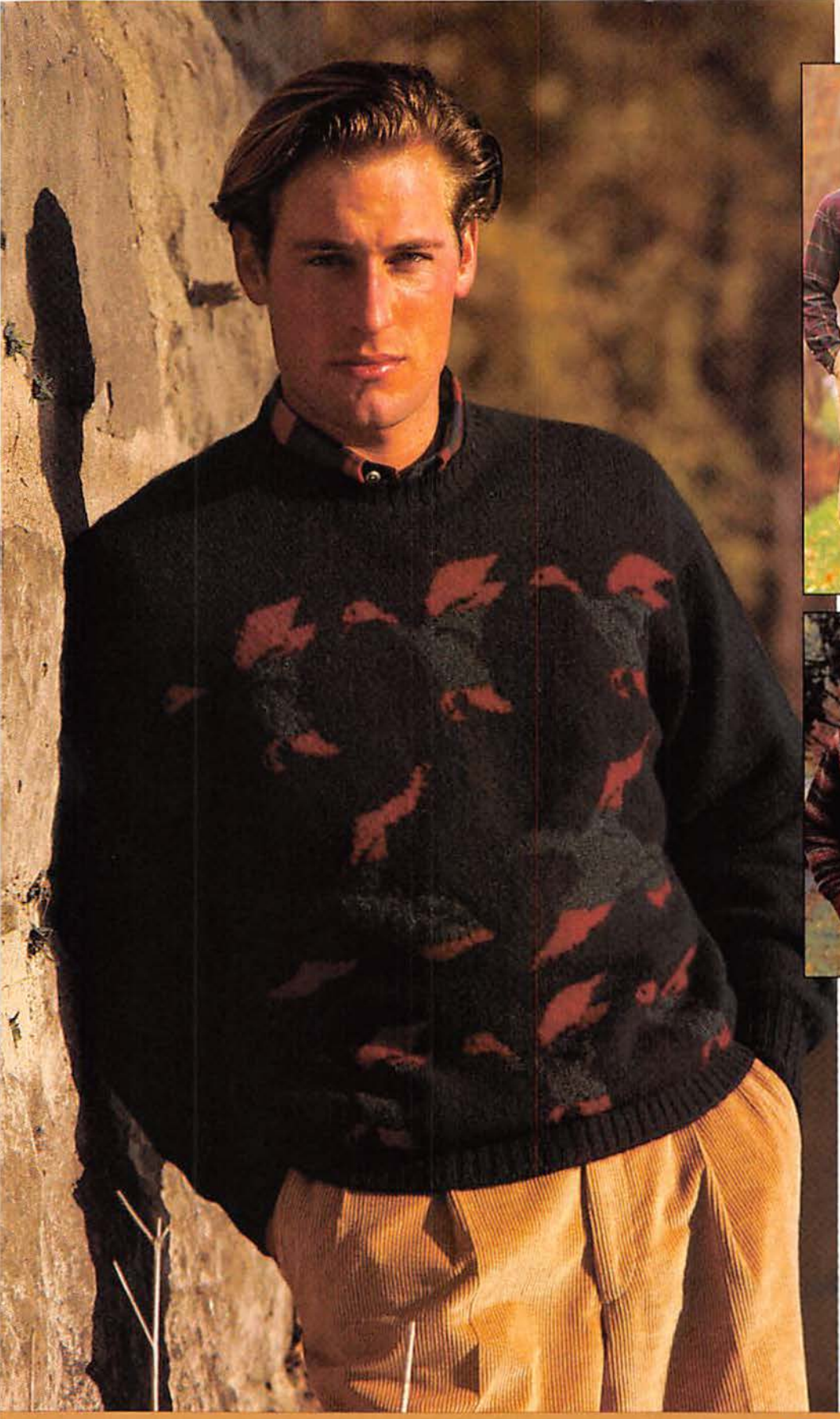
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Letter from the Publisher

After 20 years of publishing *Athlon's* preseason football annuals, one of the things that we are most proud of is the work of our many outstanding writers under the direction of Editor George Leonard.

Leonard's effort in putting together this year's most impressive array of bylined stories is perhaps one of his finest achievements.

Athlon was founded on a basis of solid, in-depth analyses and predictions. To augment these expert evaluations, Leonard is constantly searching for entertaining features, some enlightening, a few breezy. This year's lineup is a feast for football fanatics (the publisher included).

The features start with Dave Kindred's penetrating story on that controversial coaching change at Alabama: Ray Perkins to Tampa Bay, replaced by Bill Curry of Georgia Tech. "'Bama Hires an Outsider and Reaction Is Mixed" begins on page 23.

Joe Falls looks back at his 42-year career as a sportswriter in "Ah, Those Saturday Afternoons." Joe tells why he loves this assignment more than any other. It starts on page 27.

All the great college football coaches aren't coaching in Division I-A. Erk Russell, Georgia Southern coach, has won two straight Division I-AA national championships at a school that had no football program six years ago. Ed Hinton explains the unusual psychology this man with the shiny, bald pate uses to influence his players. "Erk Russell" begins on page 55.

The annual semitechnical feature by Peter Finney has become one of our most popular pieces. "Double-Dealing Defenses, Deceiving Disguises" is the title. It deals with complicated movements designed to confuse the offense. Finney does an excellent job describing the tactics and explaining the terminology. It opens on page 169.

Fans are always interested in the stars and future stars. Who's in the running for the Heisman Trophy? Who will be the record breakers? Read Herschel Nissenson's "A Star-Spangled Season," starting on page 94, and find out.

This year's Great Rivalries story, opening on page 101, highlights Nebraska vs. Oklahoma, always a game of national significance. Bill Connors gives you an insightful view of the Big Eight's hottest rivalry.

"Wondrous Wolverine Williamson." Tim Cohane asks us for his first name (four letters) in the crossword puzzle on page 106. Answer that question and 99 others, and our hat's off to you.

The collection of photographs and the knowledge of veteran journalist Leonard is the basis for "As Thousands Cheered: A History of American Football." This 32-page bonus insert, definitely a collector's item, is unlike anything we've ever produced. It follows page 120.



Red Grange's last college game ("As Thousands Cheered"—bonus insert).

Athlon has never accepted betting advertising. That's probably why we loved Jay Searcy's piece about the many services (they call themselves sports analysts) that fill the pages of our competitors. We found it interesting that Jay's 79-year-old neighbor, Millie, did better predicting than most so-called experts. Millie doesn't know anything about football. Turn to page 122 and read about Millie's unique method in "Help from Analyst? Don't Bet on It."

Steve Wieberg's "Good News Outweighs Bad: College Football Shaping Up," beginning on page 125, takes a close look at the game's ills and what is being done about them. Wieberg points to issues that are coming to a head. Be sure to read why college administrators felt that they had to gain control of athletics.

Have you ever wondered how coaches and players are selected for college football's Hall of Fame? Fred Russell has been chairman of the Hall of Fame's honors court for 25 years. His story on page 127, "Honoring Men Who Honor the Game," explains how Hall of Famers are chosen.

Our choice for Assistant Coach of the Year is Jerry Sandusky, defensive coordinator of Penn State's 1986 national champion. You'll enjoy Bill Lyon's profile of this remarkable man, which begins on page 128.

Mike Babcock writes about a facet of football that intrigues most fans: What do teams do at halftime? The "win one for the Gipper" approach is passé. Some of college football's greatest coaches were quizzed in "Sometimes a Word Will Do," starting on page 131. Their comments are revealing.

Of course, you've matched wits and tactics with famous coaches as you've sat in the stadium or watched on TV. Many of our readers look forward to "You Be the Coach" and testing their knowledge. Hayden Fry of Iowa and John Cooper of Arizona State called the plays this year. Flip to page 132.

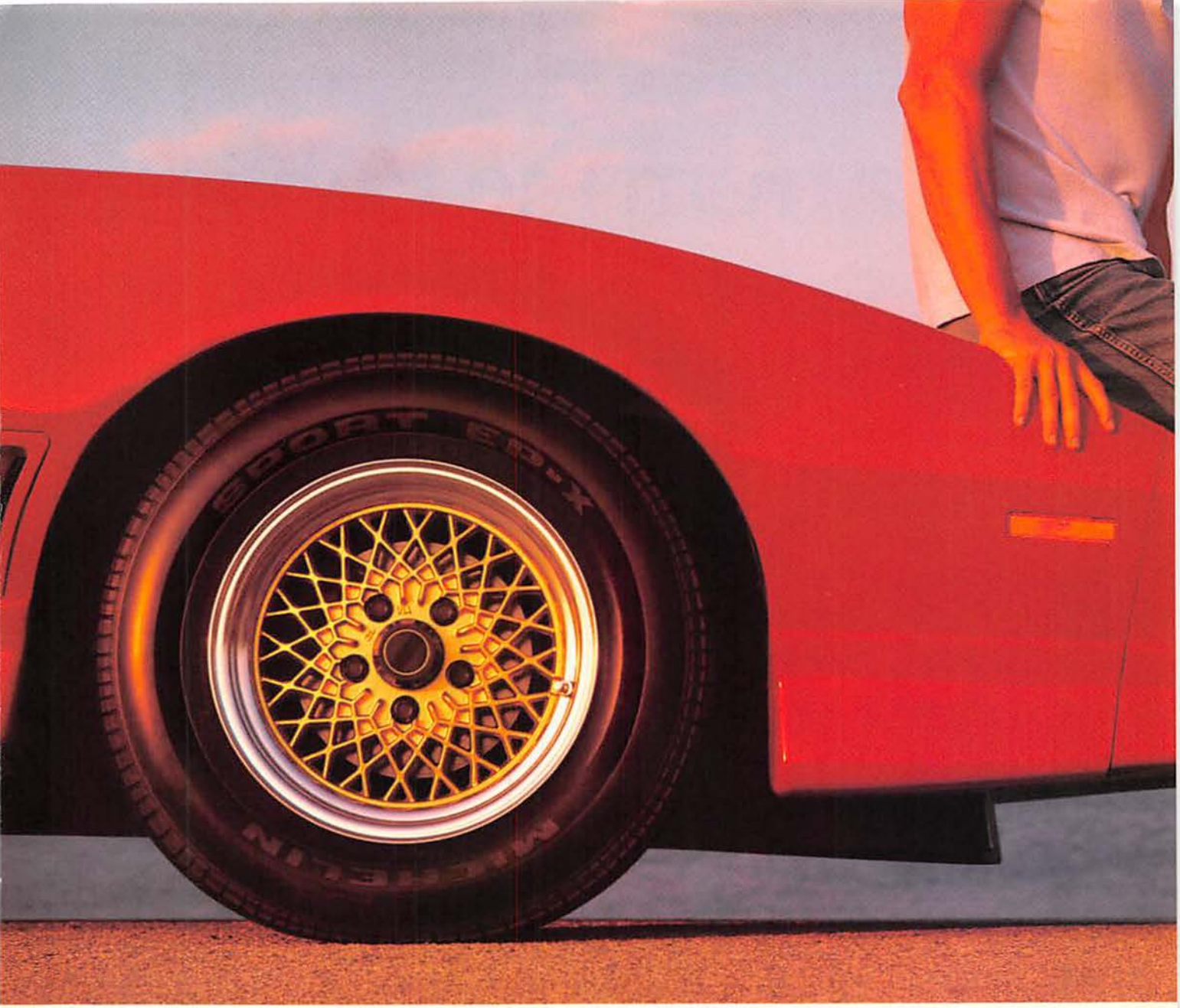
Great photographs will always be a part of *Athlon*. This year Managing Editor Daryl Sanders and his staff have selected a Photo of the Year. This will become an annual feature.

And by all means don't miss this year's lovely ladies in "Honey Watching on a Saturday Afternoon," beginning on page 142.

Predictions? Check out my fearless forecasts on pages 87-90. No fan mail, please.

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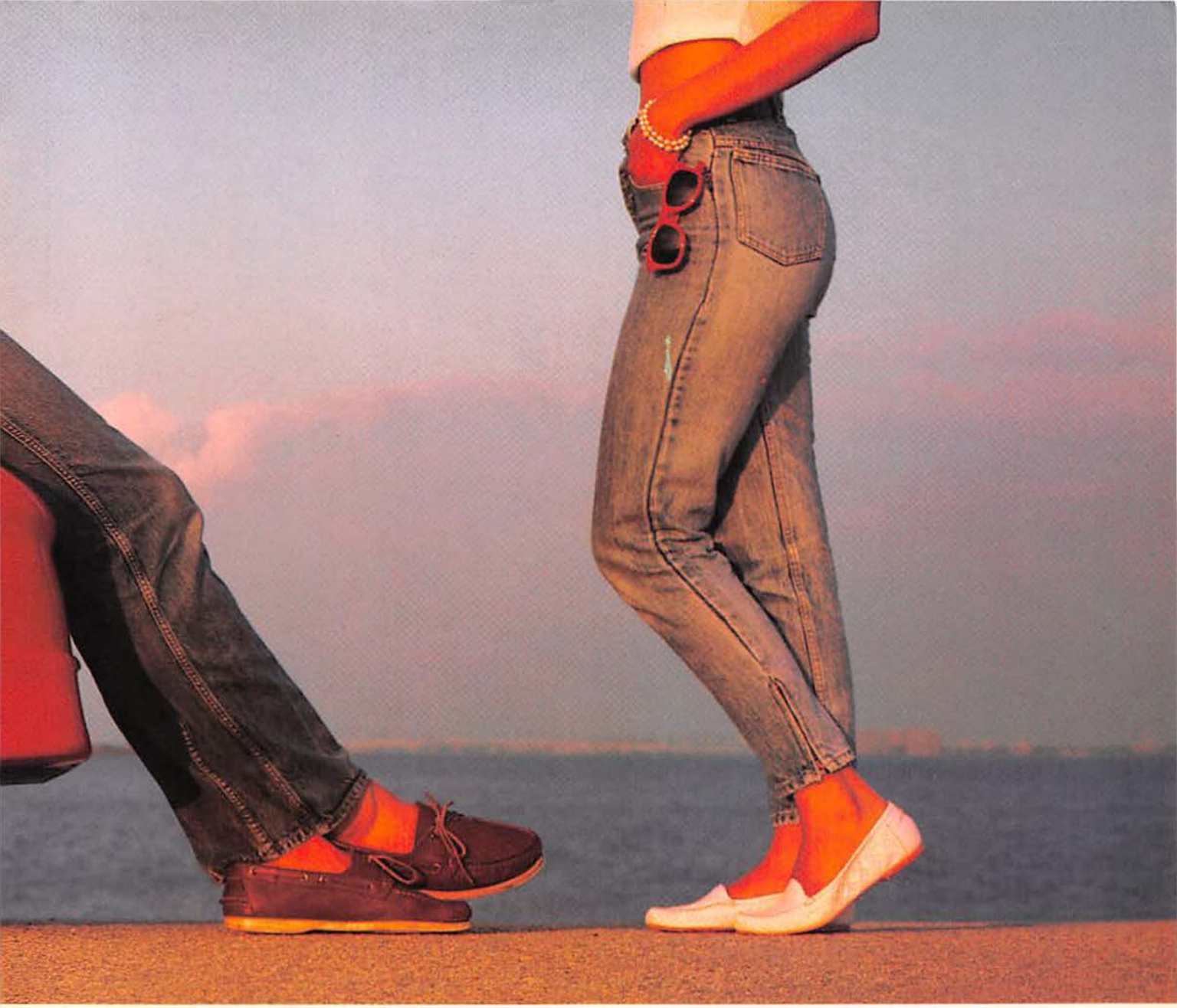
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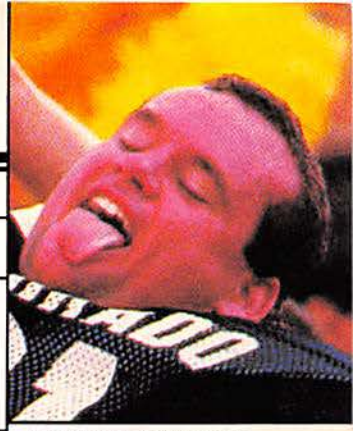
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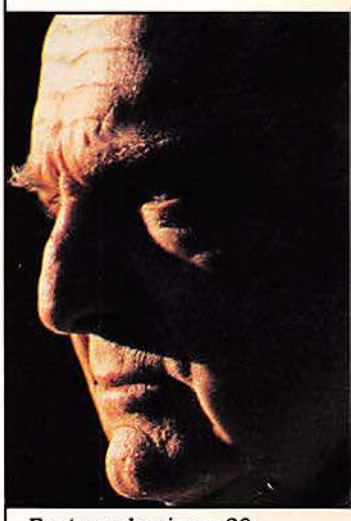
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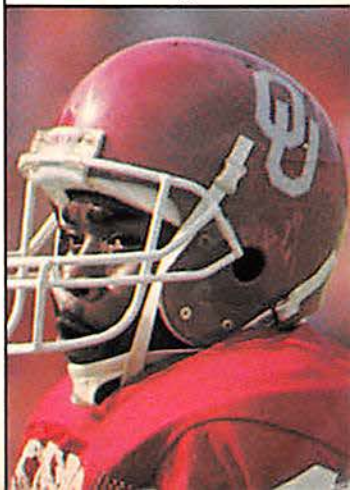
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OKLAHOMA

David Vickers went from second team in August to second team in November last season.

On the surface, that may not sound like much. But in the case of the Oklahoma defensive back, it was.

Vickers was the second-team strong safety behind a veteran player when the 1986 season started. When the season ended, Vickers was on the Associated Press All-America second team.

Vickers, then a junior converted from quarterback, made that leap against tremendous odds.

He had been considered a solid reserve who would be the first player sent into the game when a fifth defensive back was needed.

"He was making big plays," says Proctor. "He was fighting every week with Brian Bosworth for the most tackles." . . . to have your performance compared to The Boz is something else.

Vickers' situation seemed fairly certain because he was playing behind Sonny Brown. This was the same Sonny Brown who was an Oklahoma captain and had been Most Valuable Back in the Sooners' triumph over Penn State in the Orange Bowl the previous season.

Oklahoma secondary coach Bobby Proctor, who coached Barry Switzer when the Sooners' head coach was a freshman at Arkansas, is known as a taskmaster. If he is not yelling at a player in practice, Proctor has lost his voice.

"But Proctor never yells at Brown," an observer of Oklahoma practices said.

So, when Proctor promoted Vickers to first-team strong safety and moved Brown to cornerback after five games, it meant that Vickers had earned the position with all-star performance.

"He was making big plays," says Proctor. "He was fighting every week with Brian Bosworth for the most tackles."

Just being mentioned in the same sentence with the 1985-86 All-America linebacker is one thing. But to have your performance compared to The Boz is something else.

When Oklahoma faced Iowa State quarterback Alex Espinoza, the leading passer in the Big Eight at the time, Vickers had nine tackles, including one of Espinoza for an 11-yard loss.

Against Texas, he had one sack, seven tackles and returned an interception 17 yards to set up a touchdown. Against Kansas State, he made six tackles and blocked a punt, which the Sooners recovered in the end zone for a touchdown. And against Oklahoma State, he had nine tackles, once dropping Cowboys star Thurman Thomas for a six-yard loss on a screen pass.

Vickers stopped Vinny Testaverde, Miami's quarterback who had a Heisman Trophy-winning performance in Oklahoma's only loss, for a 15-yard setback.

Praise came even from the top.

"David's been a good player throughout his career," says Switzer. "He's played well every time we've put him in the game. He's playing with more confidence and experience now, and he's making our secondary better."

But Vickers was not recruited as a defensive back. He was an outstanding quarterback prospect at Nathan Hale High School in Tulsa. As a senior, he completed 58 percent of his passes for 1,591 yards and 12 touchdowns.

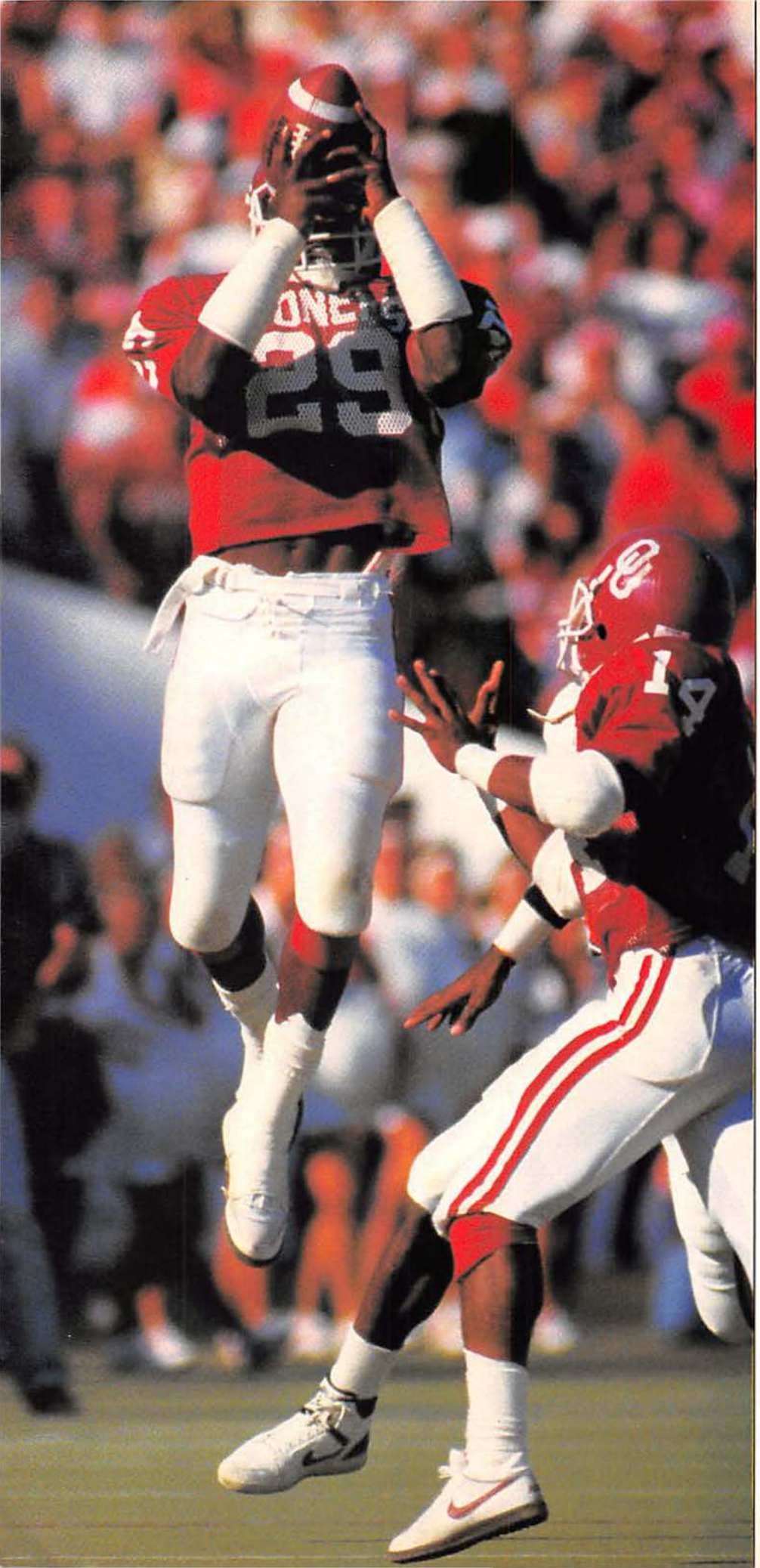
But Vickers, a two-time All-Big Eight academic choice, soon saw he would not fit into Oklahoma's plans at quarterback.

"My freshman year I worked at quarterback all during the first semester, but I wasn't really happy," he says. "I was a passing quarterback in high school, and I expected to pass maybe 15 times a game here. It just didn't turn out that way. I thought I never would play. I had some real discouraging moments. So I decided to play defense."

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Whether David Vickers turns his skills to strong safety or his studies, he's first-rate.


SOONERS



←With Ricky Dixon (29) and Derrick White (14), among others, the Sooners' defense rates high.

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But changing positions didn't happen easily.

"It was tough, coming in here as a highly recruited quarterback, tough to accept not being No. 1," says Vickers. "You've just got to work your way back up. That's how I was brought up: to work hard and do my best. It's worked so far."

Proctor also remembers that the conversion was not that simple.

"He was clumsy," the veteran of 31 coaching seasons says. "He could run and he was aggressive. But he couldn't backpedal. A strong safety needs loose hips, but his were stiff. We even thought about moving him to defensive end. But he stayed with it. His character kept him there as much as anything."

Vickers' adaptability has been in his favor.

"He can play like a defensive end, linebacker or strong safety," says Proctor. "We bring him in on many stunts and play him in the flat and man-to-man short. He's a physical-type guy playing a physical-type game. It's a situation he enjoys."

Recalling the change from offense, Vickers says: "The hardest part was learning the defenses. It's tough to learn coverages. But once you learn, you get out there and they start clicking in your head. What I had been trying to do ever since I got here was get a starting job. It finally happened and I'm real excited."

By the time Vickers unseated Brown, who had started 29 straight games, he already led the secondary in tackles. He had started some games when the Sooners used five defensive backs against passing teams. At the end of the season, he still led with 37 unassisted and 13 assisted tackles. He also had three interceptions and broke up four passes.

It wasn't surprising when the 6-4, 200-pound junior was named All-Big Eight. But because of his lack of preseason attention, it was somewhat of a surprise when he was picked on the All-America second team.

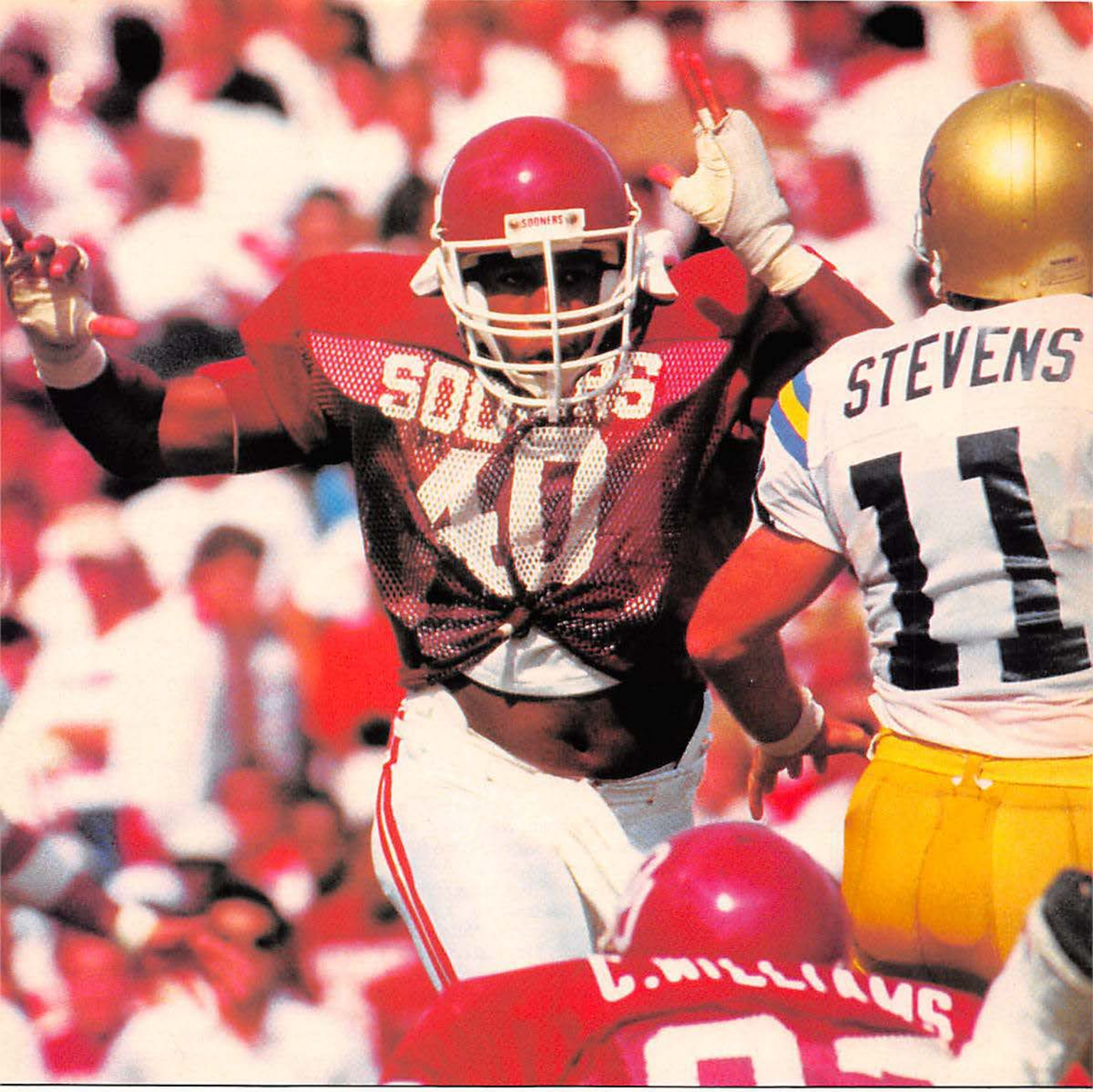
"It seems I always got hurt playing quarterback," says Vickers. "Playing defense is a lot more fun. I get to deal out the blows instead of taking them.

"I need to work on quickness this year. You see guys who can turn on extra speed when they need to. I've got to develop that."

The Sooners return 15 starters, including 12 seniors, from a team that has won 20 of its last 21 games. Also, Oklahoma has what is considered an easier nonconference schedule than in 1986, facing North Texas State, North Carolina, Tulsa and Texas.

Vickers is one of seven starters returning from a defense that led the nation in all four major team statistical categories, the first to do so since the NCAA started compiling statistics in 1937.

Others are linebacker Dante Jones (6-2, 225), ends Darrell Reed (6-2, 225) and Troy Johnson (6-2, 230), cornerback Derrick White and safety Ricky Dixon, all seniors, and soph-



End Darrell Reed is a formidable figure in what was the nation's best defense in '86 and returns almost intact.

omore nose guard Dante Williams (6-2, 270).

Jones replaced Bosworth when he was barred from playing in the Orange Bowl because he had tested positive for steroid use. Jones started some games the previous two seasons and was MVP on defense in the Orange Bowl.

Junior Richard Dillon (6-0, 215) earned the other linebacker position with an excellent spring practice.

The controversial Bosworth was All-America for the second straight season and won the Butkus Award as the nation's best linebacker two straight seasons. Although graduating in the spring, he would have been eligible for his senior season of college football by delaying the start of his pro career. However, Switzer actually made the decision for Bosworth by stating in late March, "Bosworth has been gone since the Orange Bowl." Shortly after the bowl game, Switzer had said it would be in the best interests of Oklahoma and Bosworth if the outspoken player did not return. But Bosworth apologized for his behavior at the bowl game, and Switzer then had indicated that he might be allowed to return to the team.

Reed and Dixon were all-conference last season. In fact, Reed is a three-time all-conference choice and may be in line for national honors. He seems to do the right thing instinctively. An excellent pass-rusher, he had five sacks for losses totaling 34 yards in 1986. He also broke up three passes. For his career, Reed has 10 sacks.

Johnson led the Sooners in sacks with seven for 43 yards. Dixon tied Vickers and Jones for the team lead in interceptions with three.

Juniors Scott Garl and Lonnie Finch are contending for the open cornerback slot. Garl

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NEBRASKA

Rod Smith was one of the last to find out.

He was told in the training room, in a not-too-subtle manner, by his teammates. "Everybody in there had already seen the newspaper, and they started harassing me," says Smith, Nebraska's senior split end.

What they had read was a story on Smith's being No. 1 in punt returns in the final NCAA Division I-A statistics.

He took the ribbing good-naturedly.

"Really, I was kind of blank for a second," Smith says. "I had already written it off. I hadn't expected it because I'd been telling everybody I didn't qualify."

And the truth was, he didn't.

In order to be included in its official statistics, the NCAA requires a minimum of 1.2 punt returns per game. Smith returned 12 punts in 11 games. But his return yardage, 227, was such that when two returns for no yards were added, he still had a better average than Long Beach State's Kwante Hampton.

"I had already written it off. I hadn't expected it because I'd been telling everybody I didn't qualify." And the truth was, he didn't.

Smith's average, 18.92 yards per punt return, not only led the nation but also broke the Nebraska single-season school record of 16.6 yards set by Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers in 1971.

Obviously, Smith, only the third Cornhusker to win an NCAA statistical title, is running in fast company.

Nebraska's other NCAA leaders were All-Americans Bobby Reynolds, who averaged 17.4 points per game as a sophomore in 1950, and Mike Rozier, another Heisman Trophy winner, who averaged 179 rushing yards and 14.5 points per game in 1983.

Smith led the nation in punt returns even though, technically, he was the Cornhuskers' No. 2 punt returner. He might have been No. 3 if senior wingback Von Sheppard hadn't suffered a broken leg in the third game of the season.

When Sheppard went down, junior wingback Dana Brinson, who has run an electronically timed 4.39 in the 40-yard dash, became the No. 1 punt returner, and Smith moved up to No. 2.

He took advantage of the opportunity by returning a punt 27 yards, an effort that earned him the coaches' confidence. Two weeks later, in a 30-10 victory over Oklahoma State on national television, he returned a punt 63 yards for a touchdown. "From there on, they had no reason to take me out," Smith says.

The punt returns, along with 12 pass receptions for 190 yards and one touchdown, made 1986 a dream season for Smith, who wondered the previous spring if he figured in Nebraska's plans anywhere.

"At that time I could see myself riding the bench unless I did something drastically different," he says. "I didn't doubt my ability. I just saw myself as not being good enough to play."

The cause of Smith's concern was the return of junior split end Jason Gamble, who had missed the '85 season following reconstructive knee surgery. Prior to suffering a torn cruciate ligament in his knee, Gamble had alternated as a starter in 1984, when Smith was redshirted.

With Gamble out, Smith had become a regular and had even started. But with Gamble back, Smith found himself third on the depth chart and down in the dumps.

"It was real frustrating," Smith says. "I thought I had a good spring but it was overshadowed by Jason's return. I don't mean that negatively. I just thought I was doing something wrong. All of a sudden, I wasn't playing. That was hard to handle."

Smith isn't one to give up without a fight, however. He analyzed the situation and decided to take action, to give it his best shot.

"Having Jason moved ahead of me allowed me to see I had no reason to be complacent about my ability," Smith says. "I realized I'd have to work a lot harder if I was going to contribute and play.

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Pitter-pattering over a white field, Rod Smith sends his punt-return statistics snowballing toward a national title.







With athletes like DT Lee Jones (above) and WB Dana Brinson (right), the Cornhuskers have speed to burn.

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"In a sense, it allowed me to get the right perspective for the summer. There comes a point where you reach a plateau. You get to a level where you don't get any better."

Smith got better with the help of Cornhusker All-American Bret Clark, now a safety with the Atlanta Falcons. During the summer, Smith ran pass patterns against Clark.

"Getting the best of Clark once in a while let me know I could compete," Smith says.

Smith is deceptively fast. The deception is, in part, a result of his size, 6-2 and 195.

"Sometimes I get offended when I'm not considered to be very fast," he says. "I can run." The former high school sprinter has been timed at 4.6 in the 40.

Smith's speed may seem average when he drops back with Brinson on punt returns. Brinson is one of the fastest football players in school history.

"Dana's so exciting, I guess people still think of me as somebody kind of normal," says Smith. "Hopefully they'll keep trying to kick it away from Dana and give me a chance to do what I can do."

Returning punts and catching passes aren't the only things Smith does. He also blocks. Actually, blocking may be his most significant contribution to Nebraska's run-oriented offense. His size is a definite asset, as is his strength. He's Nebraska's strongest wide receiver, with a 290-pound bench press.

Cornhusker receivers have to be "aggressive and physical," says Smith, who weighed 175 as a freshman. "But we also have to be able to run the patterns and be breakaway threats, catch and run with the ball."

Smith's 12 pass receptions might not seem like many, but according to Nebraska's system of evaluating receivers, he caught all but one catchable pass. His sure hands were part of the reason he was given the opportunity to return punts when Sheppard was injured.

Smith is designated the "personal protector." That means his first responsibility is to block.

"If Dana fields the ball, I make a block for him," Smith says. "That's my first concern. My second concern is, if the ball is punted in my direction, catch it and go. I don't really worry about catching the ball. I believe I can catch every kick. The last thing I think about is catching it. I'm looking for the return."

Smith has the confidence that comes with success as he heads into his final collegiate season. Frustrations of spring drills two years ago have been set aside.

He hasn't forgotten, of course. But he doesn't dwell on the past.

"I'm one of those people who look at things as if somebody's always got something against me," says Smith, who might have gotten more recognition if Nebraska had thrown the ball more last season.

Leading the nation in punt returns offset that disappointment, though.

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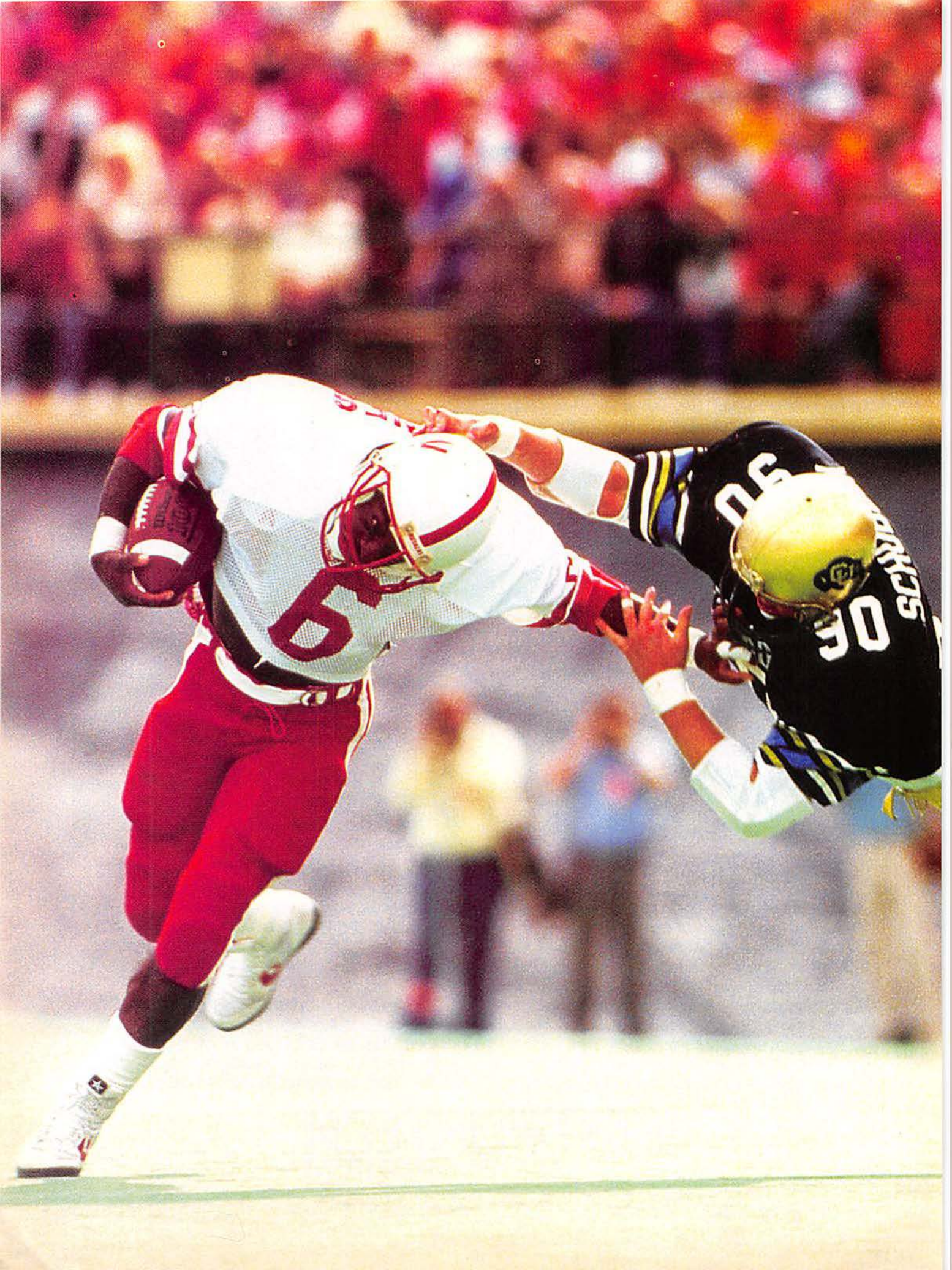
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Husker Keith Jones can fly, and sometimes it takes a flying tackle to catch up with him.

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"I had to work extra-hard to get any breaks," Smith says. "But when things started to go my way, people began to believe in me. They looked at me as being good instead of lucky."

Smith, who has practiced at wingback and tight end as well as split end, is convinced now that the Cornhusker coaches believe in him. But what they haven't realized, he says, is that "I'm an even better kickoff returner than punt returner. In high school, nobody would kick the ball to me. They always kicked it away."

Nebraska's defense, which ranked second in the nation last season, should again be good enough to give Smith and Brinson ample opportunity to return punts.

The most notable returning starter is All-Big Eight defensive end Broderick Thomas. The 6-2, 235-pound junior made 58 tackles (41 unassisted), broke school records for fumble recoveries in a season (six) and game (three), and had 11 tackles for losses totaling 48 yards.

The other end figures to be either senior Jeff Jamrog (6-2, 225), an '83 walk-on, or Jeff Mills (6-4, 215), a true sophomore who saw limited action last season.

Senior defensive tackles Lee Jones (6-1, 250) and Neil Smith (6-6, 250) are the fastest down linemen in school history. Smith has been timed at 4.61 in the 40. Jones' best is 4.7. Senior Tim Rother (6-6, 270) is a solid backup.

Junior Lawrence Pete (6-2, 280), who holds the team bench-press record of 500 pounds, replaces All-American Danny Noonan at middle guard.

Though Nebraska lost both starting linebackers to graduation, it has capable replacements in junior LeRoy Etienne (6-1, 235) and Steve Forch (6-2, 240), a senior who redshirted last season. Junior Dante Wiley (6-2, 215), a transfer from Pittsburgh who played in the secondary and at linebacker last fall, has moved to linebacker full-time and gives the Cornhuskers quality depth. Punting may be added to his duties.

Two starters return in the secondary: senior strong safety Brian Washington and junior cornerback Charles Fryar, cousin of former Nebraska All-American Irving Fryar.

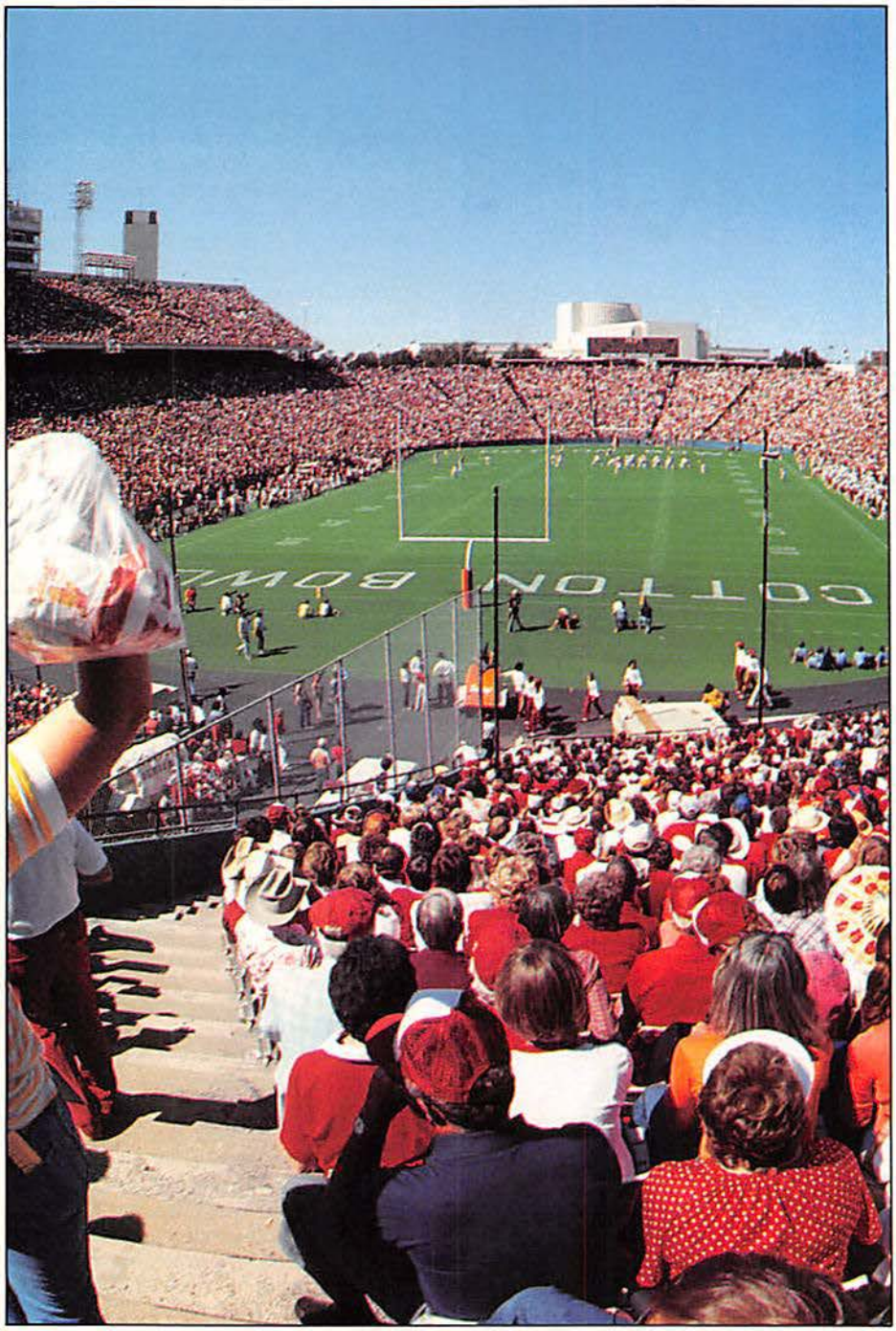
Charles Fryar led the secondary with 52 tackles, 38 unassisted. He also broke up eight passes, tying the school record, and had three interceptions.

The other cornerback probably will be senior McCathorn Clayton, who moved from quarterback in the spring. Junior John Custard was due to start but suffered a serious knee injury in spring practice. He apparently won't play again until 1988. Senior Jeff Tomjack is an experienced backup to Washington, and junior Mark Blazek alternated at free safety last season. Tim Jackson, a transfer from Coffeyville (Kan.) Junior College, is expected to play immediately at safety. Nebraska appears to be well-stocked in the secondary.

According to Charlie McBride, Nebraska's

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With a Little Fine-Tuning, The Fun Bowls May Last



In Dallas, they don't worry about a national championship on New Year's Day.

by Richard Hoffer

The Sunkist Fiesta Bowl may have had no greater purpose than doing a little piece of business when it matched Miami and Penn State. The game between No. 1 and No. 2, scheduled on prime time and outside the usual welter of New Year's Day games, was principally an advertising vehicle (with its own Sunkist corporate handle, no less). There was some expense, a corporate-subsidized $2.4 million per team, and some income, ultimately delivered by a consumer-oriented television audience of 21,940,000 homes. As a rival bowl executive, who was initially horrified, finally admitted, "It was free enterprise at work."

But this little piece of business, which incidentally established a clear-cut national champion (Penn State, if your paper is late), got some folks thinking again about a larger, long-existing issue. What about a national playoff? Especially since the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl, a kind of once-in-a-lifetime minitournament that was possible only because of the presence of independents atop the polls, not to mention the alignment of Jupiter's moons, was judged such a success by any accounting you used.

There was a pretty good game, first of all. It riveted you right up to the end. Purists were largely satisfied, but more importantly, television ratings, which had been down for the traditional New Year's Day games, were up spectacularly for the following night's ballyhooed attraction. It was the most watched college football game ever. The folks liked it.

The Sunkist Fiesta Bowl, which at first seemed to have suffered the misfortune of having home-team Arizona State divert local attention to the Rose Bowl, sold out quickly. Advertisers, the boys in the money, dug into fat purses for the privilege of prime-time commercials. Also, NBC, risking its prime-time block, knocked aside the competition. *Dallas* went up like an oil refinery fire, while *Miami Vice* was merely replaced. NBC liked it.

Further, the usual quibbling over season-ending polls, never held to be very scientific, had been reduced to a whisper. Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer, who has been known to inflame a community or two by second-guessing the polls, seemed perfectly satisfied that his team was no better than No. 3, despite

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'Bama Hires an Outsider And Reaction Is Mixed



The new order at Alabama: football Coach Bill Curry and Athletic Director Steve Sloan, who lost no time restoring Bear Bryant's famous practice-field observation tower.

by Dave Kindred

The good folks of Alabama have been maligned by suggestions that they wanted to set fire to Tuscaloosa to protest the hiring of a football coach whose pedigree includes mention of Georgia Tech. Those who gnash their gums over that unspeakable gnarl in Bill Curry's family tree also want us to know that Curry's coaching record is no threat to Amos Alonzo Stagg's numbers, let alone those of the man in the hat.

In the brass and oak palace that is the Alabama football building there hangs a painting done in the manner of Michelangelo's Sistine chapel work, which is to say done grandly as if its subjects were divine.

Bear Bryant's face in the painting is not presented in its fullness. The man is turned in profile. What we see, more than anything, are the blue and gray checks of the man's houndstooth hat. So mighty is Alabama's self-estimate that it represents its football program with a symbol of a symbol. The hat and the man equal Alabama.

Now comes to this holy place a coach of integrity, who lifted a sickly football program to big-time respectability. Bill Curry moved Georgia Tech from the abyss to the Top 20. There is Lombardi and Dodd in this man, who once thought he could quit football only to find the game and its young people irresistible.

Universities owe their athletes much. The athletes produce millions of dollars in direct and indirect revenues. In exchange, they are said to be given an education. This is cheap labor with the suggestion of slave labor. The least any university ought to do for its athletes is change their lives. That, the man in the hat did. That, Bill Curry does. Alabama President Joab Thomas should be applauded for hiring Curry.

In point of fact, the president said two months after the deed, Alabamians were applauding. "The death threats received a lot of publicity, and it is true they were made," Thomas said, "just as it is true I have said my job is at risk if Bill Curry doesn't win and win by Alabama standards.

"What has been overlooked is the overwhelmingly positive response Bill and I received all over the state. Thousands of people have turned out at alumni functions and said they welcome Bill and wish him well."

Curry shrugs away the reported death threats. "I told Dr. Thomas it reminded me of something an old friend in pro football, Dick LeBeau, used to say. He'd say, 'Bill, when the going gets toughest . . . that's about where you and I like it.'

"The response to me has been incredible, really," Curry says, sitting in his office by a trophy case filled with hefty, red-jeweled rings Bryant ordered for his national championship teams. "Two days after I was hired—after the death threats and all—I walked out of my hotel and across the parking lot, which these

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fellows were paving. Fellows in flannel shirts. Levi Garrett caps. Levi jeans.

"One of them spotted me and I said, 'Here we go.' He started walking toward me. I said, 'Good morning.' He grabbed me by the arm. And he said, 'Don't you worry about all that crap. We're all behind you, and we're pulling for you all the way.' Then he introduced me to all the guys on the crew.

"It's been that way everywhere from Huntsville to Birmingham to Mobile. People express their love for Alabama football. I tell them I don't expect them to accept me just because I'm here. I want to earn my way into the family on my achievements. They're pulling for me. It's been exhilarating."

Yet a certain element has suggested that Thomas and the Alabama selection committee did the devil's own work of dismantling everything Bryant ever built. Tuscaloosa police reported death threats against Curry and Thomas. Great former 'Bama players such as Lee Roy Jordan and Billy Neighbors were distressed because Thomas hired a coach from outside the "family." A Birmingham newspaper carried a headline that framed the argument: "Curry Mr. Clean, But Can He Coach?"

So intense was the reaction to Curry's hiring that Thomas has tied his future to Alabama's football record by saying his presidency may be on the line should Curry fail.

"If Curry should have a few years of bad records—and I don't expect that—and should the reaction be as negative as many say it will be, I wouldn't want to stay, anyway," Thomas says. "I wouldn't want to spend my time in office dealing with that kind of thing. My interest is in building a strong university, a major research university, and I want to devote my major energies to that."

Make no mistake about one thing: Bill Curry was hired by Alabama to win football games.

"This man can win," Thomas says. "If I didn't think so, I wouldn't have hired him. I *hate* to lose. I'm a terrible loser. And Bill Curry hates losing just as much as I do."

"My goals," Curry says, "are simple and clear. I want every player to graduate. And I want to win Southeastern Conference championships, major bowls and national championships. It has been my driving ambition to be part of that kind of program."

In seven seasons at Georgia Tech, Curry's best year was 1985, when his team went 9-2-1 and won the All-American Bowl at Birmingham by defeating Michigan State. He had three winning seasons at Tech with an overall record of 31-43-4.

Though Curry has a distinguished football record—he played for Bobby Dodd at Tech and for Vince Lombardi and Don Shula in the pros as a member of three NFL champions; he coached with Bart Starr at Green Bay—it often was forgotten as he drew more attention by speaking out against what he saw as corruption in college athletics.

"We'll bring the cheaters to their knees," he said at a Tech booster club meeting in the winter of 1984. He accused unnamed opponents of using steroids and recruiting illegally. Subsequently, Clemson staggered through a steroids scandal, and Georgia's basketball and football programs were placed on NCAA probation.

Curry said: "I'm not saying something like that couldn't happen at Tech. We're human, too. But we do everything in our power to make sure it doesn't happen. We're here to win, but to win honestly." Ray Perkins' return to the National Football League produced a run of big-name prospects at the Alabama job, including Bobby Bowden and Howard Schnellenberger. To read Curry's name on the list was to think 'Bama made only a polite nod to the virtues preached by this man who once studied for the ministry. When Alabama called to invite him for an interview, Curry's son, Billy, 16, said, " 'Football factory' is what I thought. I said, 'Dad, get ready to be at Tech again next year.' "

Hearing his son say that, Curry only raised an eyebrow. He was happy at Georgia Tech, but this was Alabama on the phone.

You don't hang up on a dream. Says Carolyn Curry, the coach's wife: "Bill has always had causes, things he believed in and spoke up for. He loved Georgia Tech more than he could say. But Alabama, well, he sees Alabama as a wider platform where he can make a greater impact on the game he loves."

When Alabama's on the phone, you listen. And you may learn something. Bill Curry came to know what his son also would learn: Alabama is a football factory only by outdated (to say nothing of undeserved) reputation.

Curry said in January: "Of 25 seniors on this (1986) Alabama team, 19 are to graduate this summer, and the other six have an opportunity to graduate if they work hard. They're doing remarkable academic work at Alabama."

This was only confirmation of Curry's experience in his days as a college and pro center. "Alabama was always a program I admired. The teams, the style, the toughness, the class. Most of their players graduated. I noticed those things. They didn't go on probation yet kept winning. Look at the student-athletes from Alabama: Bart Starr, Lee Roy Jordan, Billy Neighbors, Billy Richardson, Sylvester Croom, Ray Perkins, Steve Sloan, Ozzie Newsome. In and out of football. Physicians and lawyers. Guys who are incredibly successful. Every Alabama person I associated with was a quality person. Those of us who played the game never had the notion of Alabama as anything but a class academic institution and a great football team."

The day of Curry's hiring, a newspaperman asked Thomas about the idea that Alabama ever was a "football factory." The president said: "Five years ago, many people called Alabama a football factory. There aren't many doing that now." The president's face had the contented smile of a man who has done hard work well.

Corruption moves in lockstep with college athletics. To win football games, universities have prostituted their educational missions. "In the past two years, there has been public outrage because of indiscretions in athletics," Thomas says. "We have been accused of losing our amateur standing."

So with the departure of Perkins, Thomas says he set out to hire a coach of unquestioned integrity, who was committed to academics and who could win. The president says he applied the same guidelines when hiring Perkins four years earlier. Only then he didn't say so publicly.

"But now it was extremely important to make that statement," Thomas says. Hiring Curry gave undeniable weight to Thomas' sincerity, for this was Alabama, not Podunk U., hiring a coach with a losing record.

"There is a growing constituency of concerned people who will applaud this kind of appointment," Thomas says. "And two years from now, when we win a national championship, a lot more people will be applauding the kind of statement we made by hiring Bill Curry."

A man wondered if Curry's hiring was analogous to Notre Dame's hiring of Gerry Faust from a Cincinnati high school. Did Alabama give greater weight to Curry's decency, as Notre Dame did to Faust's, than to his coaching record?

"I really don't see that," Thomas says. "If anything, I see a closer parallel to Notre Dame's hiring of Ara Parseghian. He came from a private school, Northwestern, which was never much more than in the middle of its conference football standings. Like Curry at Georgia Tech, Parseghian was a man whose overall record at Northwestern wasn't so good, but he had done well by Northwestern standards, as Curry did at Georgia Tech once he got the program back on its feet."

As chancellor at North Carolina State, Thomas came to respect Curry's work in the Atlantic Coast Conference. At Alabama, he sees nothing to change his mind. "There's a toughness to Bill Curry that people are missing," Thomas says. "The last time Alabama played Tech, during Ray Perkins' second year (1984), Georgia Tech literally beat us. They whipped us physically.

"At halftime, I went up to speak to Joe Pettit (the late Tech president). I waved a white handkerchief as I walked into his box. Someone there told me that Curry had had a scrimmage on Tuesday of that week, and some things had not gone very well. Curry continued that scrimmage at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning. They had a good scrimmage that day.

"Another indication of Curry's toughness was the bowl game in 1985 at Birmingham. Two of his best players missed curfew. He dropped them from the game. He told them he was going to do it, and he did it—and won the game anyway. That's something Coach Bryant would have done. These are the characteristics that build winners. These are Bryant characteristics."

Thomas, then, sees Curry as a winning football coach who also "has a strong commitment to building his players into winners off the field as well as on the field. A very strong commitment."

Curry acknowledges the high stakes at risk. "I am aware this was an extraordinary hire by Alabama. Sure, I know the stakes. It's the way the American dream works. There's the low-risk, low-reward investment. Or you can go try to play for the Green Bay Packers in 1965 (as Curry did, launching a 10-year pro career), which was a high-risk, high-reward situation. Going to work at Georgia Tech in 1980 was a high-risk, high-reward situation. Being the coach at Alabama is high-risk, high-reward.

"The downside is obvious, just like the downside in all the other situations. You do have to consider that. That's not being negative; that's just being realistic. The downside is that they go out and get another coach if you don't get the job done."

Curry knows that integrity and honesty in doing his lifework will not keep him on the job forever if the Tide goes 4-7.

"I have no notion of that and I wouldn't want that," he says.

Curry's ambition is to win more of those national championship rings.

"My goal is to graduate young people and get rings. That's always been my ambition. It's never been any different. Wherever I may be, it would be the same. Whatever the fans expect or the alumni or the former players expect, I expect the same. I can't help it. I was brought on the Earth that way. You gotta win."

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Ah, Those Saturday Afternoons

by Joe Falls

My favorite assignment? Easy. A college football game on a Saturday afternoon.

Not night, afternoon.

It can be Michigan against Notre Dame or Saginaw Valley against Ferris State. It doesn't matter. The moments are golden.

I've been to Moscow, Munich and Mexico City and a lot of places in between in my 42-year career as a sportswriter. I have been privileged to see some of the greatest athletes of all time and some of the greatest events in history: Don Larsen's perfect game, the U.S. Olympic team beating Russia in hockey, Joe Namath upsetting the Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl III, Notre Dame stopping UCLA's 88-game winning streak in basketball, Secretariat by 31 lengths in the Belmont, Mark Spitz's seven Gold Medals in swimming, Larry Mize chipping in from 140 feet at the Masters and Ali over Frazier.

But nothing ever quite matches getting up on a crisp Saturday morning in the autumn and driving to places like Ann Arbor, East Lansing, South Bend or Albion for a college football game. My wife goes with me and she doesn't understand anything about football. She does understand the smoky haze of autumn and a slug of cold apple cider and a cinnamon doughnut and the sound and sight of the bands.

If you have a few moments, I'd like to tell you some things about my favorite assignment: college football.

The absolute best line from a coach's wife came from the mouth of Dick Nolan's wife during a bus ride in London, England.

She was asked what kind of coach her husband was when he was a coach.

She replied: "He was so quiet the players used to call him Mute Rockne."

Oops: The first two times I ever wrote about Ara Parseghian in his first year as coach of Northwestern, my desk changed it to "Art Parseghian."

My three favorite college coaches, excluding Bo Schembechler because I hate to be considered provincial even though I am provincial:

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2. Barry Switzer.
3. George Welsh.

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3. *Knute Rockne, All American* starring Pat O'Brien and Ronald Reagan.
4. *Wildcats* starring Goldie Hawn, who is so cute in her sweatshirt and slacks that let's put her third on the list and drop Knute Rockne and The Gipper down to fourth.
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This happened: Phil Dickens, when he was the head coach at Indiana, stood up before the Big Ten Skywriters and said: "We're putting stripes on our

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Cellist Orchestrates A Mean Tight End

by Jim Weeks

Keith Jackson dares to be different. Most outstanding high school athletes from Little Rock stay in Arkansas when they go to college.

Jackson was different. He wound up at Oklahoma.

When relatives and friends joined the band, Jackson decided to play cello in the orchestra.

Nebraska is used to dealing opponents plenty of misery. Jackson has inflicted punishment on the Cornhuskers for two straight years.

And everyone knows a receiver playing for a wishbone team can't be an All-American. Jackson was the consensus All-America tight end at Oklahoma last season.

Now Jackson, perhaps in jest, says he's going to win the Heisman Trophy. That may be too much, even for him.

Jackson was a high school All-American at Parkview High School in Little Rock, Ark., in 1983. He was expected to play college football at Arkansas.

"I just never cared to go there," says Jackson, who hasn't regretted his decision.

"When I started visiting with Keith by telephone, I realized we had a chance because he didn't want to stay home," says Charley North, Oklahoma's offensive line coach. "I knew it would be between us and Florida."

North did quite a job in Arkansas that year.

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(Keith Jackson continued)

He also signed All-America offensive guard Mark Hutson of Fort Smith and starting nose guard Curtice Williams of Pine Bluff.

"I saw Keith play for the first time in the spring of his junior year," North says. "A couple of my friends in Arkansas told me about him. You could tell immediately he was a great athlete. Actually, I was probably more impressed with his basketball ability than anything else."

Jackson admits he would be happier playing basketball.

"If I was 6-6 (he's 6-3), there's no doubt where I'd be right now," says Jackson. "I'd be over in the gym. Football's really a job to me. It's not something I greatly enjoy."

At the time Jackson signed with Oklahoma, he thought the Sooners were about to abandon their wishbone and adopt the I-formation. That would mean more passing.

"I would have never come to Oklahoma if I had known they were going to the wishbone," he says. "But it was the greatest thing that ever happened to me. I made All-America. If I had gone to Miami or UCLA or some school where they pass a lot, I might not have been good enough to play."

That's doubtful. Jackson was a starter in the first game of his freshman season.

North worked with Jackson almost exclusively during preseason practices. "I figured Coach North and the others were working me hard for some reason, probably as a backup for Darin Berryhill (a veteran listed as first-team tight end at the time)," says Jackson.

"But the day before the first game, Coach North called me in his office and said, 'You're in the starting lineup.' I said, 'You've got to be kidding.'

"Later that day Darin came up to me and said, 'Congratulations, man! You're starting tomorrow!' He took time to talk to me. He said, 'Now everything is going to seem real fast. You're going to have to slow down, pace yourself.' When I caught my first pass, he was the first one to hug me."

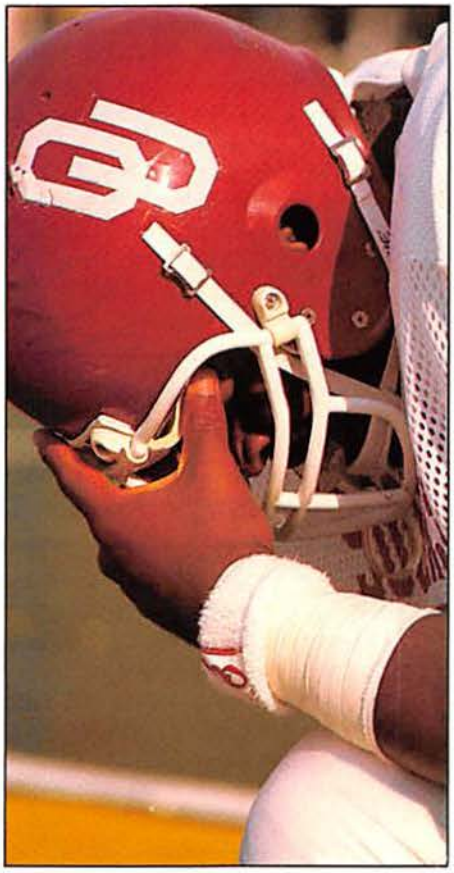
Jackson still enjoys playing his cello. He joined the orchestra in high school because, he says, "My brother was playing the violin, and I decided to pick up the cello—to be different.

"I played it for about five years. I think I was a decent cellist. Once I got to high school, other things took my time. But I made all-conference orchestra one year."

Jackson took up the cello again at Oklahoma in a class for non-music majors.

No player has a better record against Nebraska, Oklahoma's chief rival in the Big Eight, than Jackson. Last season he made three big plays that helped the Sooners claim a 20-17 comeback victory, clinching the conference championship and sending Oklahoma to the Orange Bowl.

Jackson caught a 29-yard pass that was



Jackson's prayerful thanks follow his TDs.

the key play to keeping Oklahoma's first touchdown drive alive. He caught a 17-yard pass for the Sooners' other touchdown, literally taking the ball out of the hands of a defender on the goal line. Then he made a 41-yard play on what is called a "choice" route to set up Oklahoma's winning 31-yard field goal with six seconds left. The pass play was designed for Jackson to do whatever was necessary to get open. And he did, batting the ball away from a defender and making a sensational one-handed catch.

After the game, Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer called Jackson "the greatest tight end in the country, college or pro."

The Cornhuskers had already experienced what Jackson could do.

In 1985, Nebraska had Oklahoma backed up on its own 12-yard line in the first quarter. On a tight-end reverse, Jackson raced 88 yards for the first score of the game. He caught a 38-yard pass to set up the Sooners' second touchdown. And he gained 29 yards on the end-around reverse to set up a field goal. Jackson rushed for 136 yards on three carries in the 27-7 win.

Following that game, Jackson began to think of himself as a running back, where his chance of making All-America obviously would seem to be much better than at tight end in the wishbone. Sooner coaches turned a deaf ear on that request.

Only a Keith Jackson could make All-America at Oklahoma where a tight end does a great deal of blocking but not much receiving.

As a freshman, he caught 15 passes for 223 yards and three touchdowns. As a sophomore, he caught 20 passes for 486 yards and two touchdowns, and rushed seven times for 153 yards and one touchdown. That was good enough to make all-conference. Last season, Jackson caught only 14 passes for 403 yards and five touchdowns, and ran the end-around play six times for 98 yards and three touchdowns.

Those statistics do not include a 77-yard touchdown pass in Oklahoma's 25-10 victory over Penn State in the Orange Bowl. That win propelled the Sooners to the 1985 national championship.

Jackson makes the key plays in the important games for a team that annually is one of the best in the nation.

What does Jackson think about catching only 14 passes and making All-America?

"I think it was a grave injustice to a guy who caught 66 passes and didn't make it," he says. "At the same time, I feel that I'm a true All-American."

Jackson has tried unsuccessfully to get the Sooners to pass more often. They threw only 88 times in 1986.

"I asked Keith what he considers a realistic goal for catches for him," says Oklahoma offensive coordinator Jim Donnan. "He said 50. He was serious. I told him I didn't think that was realistic."

After the Sooners defeated Colorado last season without even attempting a pass, Jackson acted like he was upset.

"I told Coach Switzer I was thinking about leaving," he says. "He came up to me after the Nebraska game and wanted to know if I still wanted to transfer."

Jackson seemed to have gotten his point across, though.

He takes some kidding from teammates, and not all of it because he seldom sees the ball.

"All of those people who say you are so great must not have seen you block," needled Travis Simpson, Oklahoma's starting center the last two seasons.

"Man, don't talk about my blocking," Jackson replied. "I am a crushing blocker."

He tells people these days that if he can catch the ball about 30 times this year, he can win the Heisman Trophy. "Look at it this way," he says, "I scored twice every five times I touched the ball last year, so that would mean 12 touchdowns.

No player other than a back has won the Heisman Trophy since 1949.

However, we must remember, Keith Jackson *is* different.

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COLORADO

Curt Koch did a lot of fighting as a freshman on the Colorado football team.

"I think I fought with every offensive lineman on our team," says the Buffaloes' 270-pound senior defensive tackle.

Koch isn't such a toughie to get along with.

It's just that fighting, he says, "relieves a lot of tension (during practice). Actually, you can hurt yourself more than the other guys. You hope your hands are covered."

In Koch's case, the well-being of others had to be a concern. Though he weighed only 215 pounds at the time, he stood 6-8. More importantly, he was a successful amateur boxer. He still is.

"It's kind of up in the air whether I should stick with football or try to do both," he says. "I'd love to box some more."

Koch was one of the most dominant defensive players in the conference last season, finishing with a league-high 10 sacks. . . . He deflected five passes and made 76 tackles, 47 unassisted.

Koch can't afford to take time away from football to box. "Football is paying for school, and my future might be determined by how well I play this season," he says.

Koch's future as a football player appears to be bright, even though early reports of his injury when he was hit by an automobile in the spring alarmed Colorado coaches and fans. Koch and senior linebacker Don DeLuzio, also a starter, suffered leg fractures and the latter a broken jaw when struck from behind by a car as they were walking on the right side of a road. Early indications were that both may play in the fall, although perhaps not in the early season.

Colorado is promoting Koch as a candidate for the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award. As a junior, he made All-Big Eight.

Koch was one of the most dominant defensive players in the conference last season, finishing with a league-high 10 sacks. He was credited with 30 "quarterback hurries," a school record, and 21 tackles for losses. He deflected five passes and made 76 tackles, 47 unassisted.

Colorado Coach Bill McCartney imagined that Koch would post such statistics when he recruited him in Littleton, Colo.

But McCartney knew he'd have to be patient.

"I was recruited more or less on potential," says Koch, who didn't begin playing football until his junior year at Littleton High. He stood 6-6 and weighed barely 160 pounds the first time he put on a football uniform.

A year later, Koch earned second-team all-conference recognition and recruiting interest from several major colleges. Among them were Kansas, Oklahoma State, Colorado State, Utah and Wyoming, as well as Colorado.

Koch's parents encouraged him to accept Wyoming's scholarship offer, but, he says, "I knew the program at Colorado would get better in time."

McCartney's first recruiting class, of which Koch was a member, has helped to take Colorado to bowl games at the end of the last two seasons. This year, the Buffaloes will go for a third with "the strongest team we've had," Koch says.

Turning his attention away from boxing to concentrate on football hasn't been easy for Koch, who started boxing as a sophomore in high school at a club in Littleton.

Koch and a friend began boxing because, he says, "We thought it would be fun. More of my friends got into it, and we ended up going to tournaments together. Four of us won state titles."

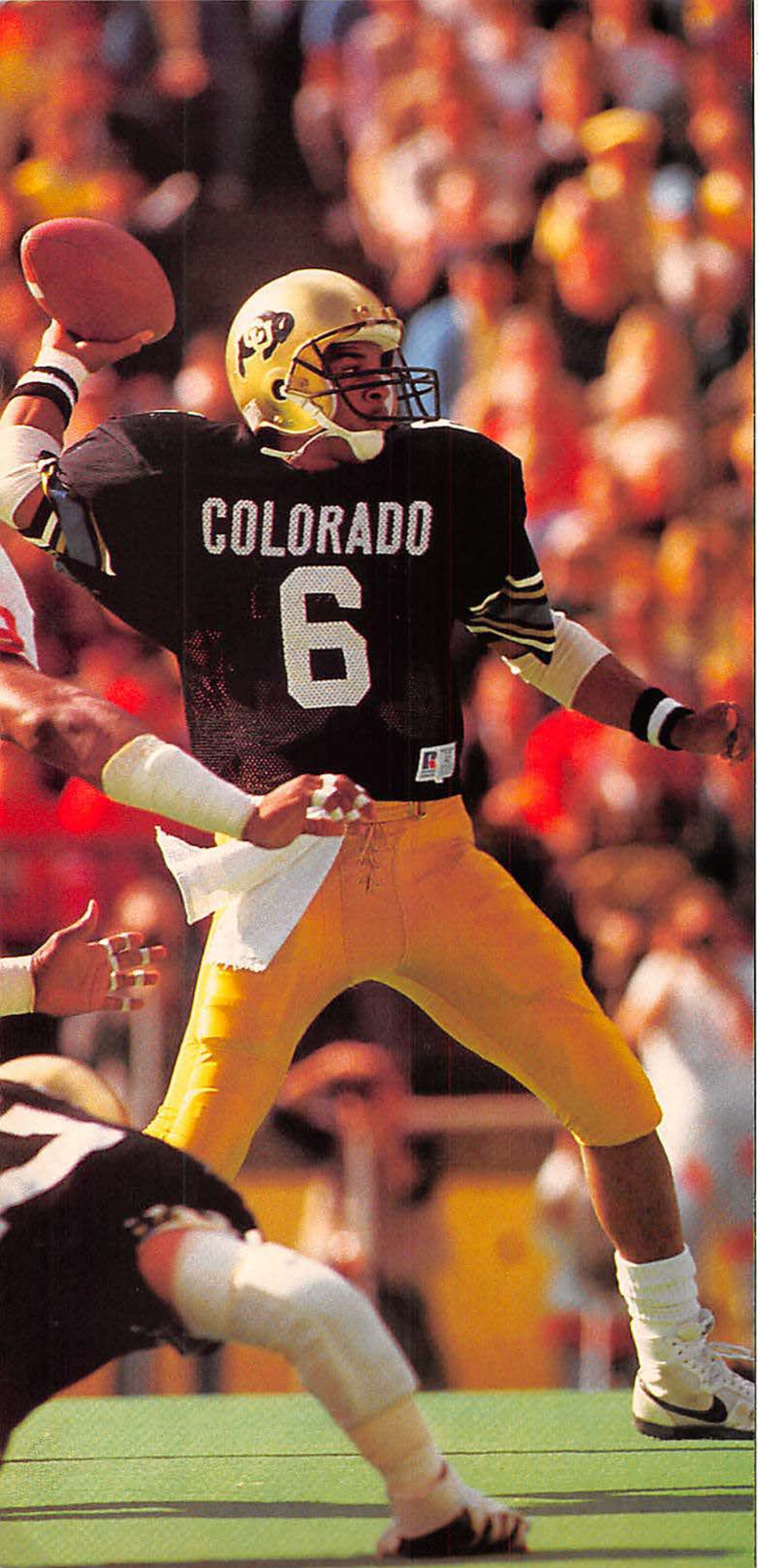
Koch competed in his first Golden Gloves tournament as a heavyweight in the B Division during his senior year in high school. In his freshman year at Colorado, he moved into the A Division and was the state heavyweight champion. He's also competed in American Boxing Federation tournaments, advancing to regionals the last two years.

McCartney hasn't discouraged Koch from boxing, even though he'd like to have

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Aggressive, heads-up football is the hallmark of All-Big Eight defensive tackle Curt Koch.


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← You can Mark it down, Hatcher will be trying to guide the Buffs into their third straight bowl.

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his undivided attention. Two years ago, McCartney even excused him from a week of spring practice so he could compete in a tournament.

Koch says he has benefitted from boxing not only in hand-eye coordination but also in overall training habits.

Unlike most linemen, he enjoys running. "That's something I picked up from boxing to relieve tension," he says. Five miles of roadwork getting ready for a fight was nothing.

Koch spent his first football season at Colorado as a redshirt, sitting it out to grow and gain maturity.

It's tough to swallow one's pride.

"Of course, coming out of high school, you want to brag, 'I played as a freshman,'" Koch says. "But as the season goes on, you think, 'I don't want to waste a whole year (of eligibility) for 10 plays.'"

Koch got his first varsity start three years ago against Michigan State. He had a sack but admits, "I got blown off the ball a couple of times. I wasn't dominant often enough. I wouldn't say I'm a dominant player yet. That's someone who wins every battle. Most guys are going to win some and lose some. I just hope at the end of a game, when the tally is added up, I'm ahead."

Talk of the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award seems to embarrass Koch.

"I really don't see myself there, but I'm flattered they're (the Colorado sports information office) going to promote me," he says. "I'm not going to tell them not to do it."

Koch considers himself lucky. He says: "It seemed outrageous that coaches would come to my high school and tell me, 'We want you to play football for our school, and we'll pay for your education.'"

Colorado's investment of scholarships in players like Koch paid off in a defense that ranked third in the Big Eight and 11th in the nation in fewest yards allowed last year.

Eight starters return from that group, which limited opponents to an average of 15.6 points and 282.4 yards per game. Though the Buffaloes' switch to the wishbone offense has received a lot of publicity as the reason for their resurgence, defense has been the key.

In addition to Koch, senior nose tackle Kyle Rappold (6-0, 245) and sophomore tackle Cole Hayes (6-4, 230) return in Colorado's defensive front. Rappold, one of the strongest players in the conference, was credited with 70 tackles and 12 quarterback hurries a year ago. He also had five tackles for losses.

Two of four starting linebackers return: DeLuzio (6-2, 225) on the inside and junior Tom Reinhardt (6-3, 230) on the outside. DeLuzio made 77 tackles in seven games. Reinhardt finished with 57 tackles, including five sacks for losses of 34 yards.

The other starting linebackers probably will come from a group that includes senior Eric

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A wave of happy students and players tosses Kyle Rappold, a star in the upset of Nebraska. →


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Once in a while, but not too often, Willie Vaughn imagines what it would be like playing quarterback again.

He admits it. "I dream about what would happen if we went to the wishbone," says Vaughn, a junior wide receiver.

If Kansas Coach Bob Valesente decided to scrap the Jayhawks' pass-oriented offense in favor of the wishbone, Vaughn would be the logical quarterback.

He's an excellent athlete who was recruited as a quarterback. Vaughn directed an option attack at Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, Kan. In three seasons, he rushed for some 3,000 yards and passed for nearly 2,000, impressive statistics for someone whose football career began in the offensive line.

If Kansas Coach Bob Valesente decided to scrap the Jayhawks' pass-oriented offense in favor of the wishbone, Vaughn would be the logical quarterback.

In the fourth grade, Vaughn was a tackle.

"I was real fat, a huge little dude," he says. His teammates called him Little Fats. Vaughn was so big for his age that, he says, "I had to wear an X on my helmet. I couldn't run with the ball."

In the eighth grade, Vaughn got to play some place other than the line.

"The fat sort of left me," he says. "I started to get my new body, you might say."

That new body enabled him to compete in several sports in high school. Vaughn earned all-state recognition not only in football but also basketball and track. As a senior, he led Wyandotte to the state basketball championship and was a state champion hurdler.

Vaughn was good enough in basketball to get recruiting interest from Texas-El Paso and San Diego State.

"I love basketball. I really miss it," he says. "But my height was a problem."

Just as he occasionally dreams about being a wishbone quarterback, he often wonders what it would be like playing basketball in Kansas' Allen Field House.

Vaughn is a regular at the Jayhawks' home basketball games. He also keeps sharp during the off-season by playing in pick-up games. Last winter, he led a team to the intramural championships, averaging "about 30 points" in 10 games. "My jump shot's even better now than it was in high school," Vaughn says.

His basketball background has helped him become a top pass receiver in the Big Eight. In 1985, as a freshman, Vaughn caught 28 passes for 441 yards and five touchdowns. Last season he was second to Oklahoma State's Hart Lee Dykes among Big Eight receivers, with 41 catches for 341 yards and two touchdowns.

Vaughn was chosen all-conference by both wire services, Kansas' only first-team representative.

His basketball player's jumping ability—he says his vertical jump is 32 or 34 inches—combined with sprinter's speed (4.31 in the 40-yard dash) and sure hands make him a big-play threat.

Vaughn turned his first pass reception at Kansas into a 65-yard touchdown. That play, against Vanderbilt in 1985, remains a vivid memory.

"I wanted to keep the ball," he says. "I might still get a football and say it's the one."

Former Jayhawk Coach Mike Gottfried saw Vaughn's ability early on. About four days into preseason practice his freshman year, says Vaughn, "Coach Gottfried asked me if I wanted to try receiver. I was happy to play any position. I just wanted to be a part of things."

Kansas already had Mike Norseth at quarterback, with Mike Orth waiting to succeed him, so the decision to switch wasn't as difficult as it might seem.

"It wasn't a hard adjustment," Vaughn says. "I just couldn't throw the ball if I got in trouble. That was the biggest change."

Vaughn adapted quickly to his new position and started the season opener against Hawaii in Honolulu.

Even though he didn't catch a pass in that game, it was exciting. "Under the

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Willie Vaughn's first official catch for the Jayhawks was good for a TD as he quickly became one of the Big Eight's top receivers.





Kansas ranked 100th nationally in rushing, but Arnold Snell was sixth best in the Big Eight.

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lights, in the Pro Bowl stadium, an 18-year-old in a Jayhawk uniform . . . I felt great," he says.

Despite Kansas' 3-8 record last season, Vaughn takes pride in playing for the Jayhawks. His uncle, Tony McNeeley, played football at Kansas. "I thought I'd better play here, too," Vaughn says. He had his mind all but made up before beginning his senior year in high school.

"I've always liked Kansas," he says. "The campus is pretty and it's close to home."

Vaughn's father has been a regular at his son's games, says Vaughn, "since I was in the fourth grade. I wanted to stay close to home so he could come and see me play."

With 106 tackles, linebacker Rick Bredesen couldn't be blamed for defensive problems, either.



His love of Kansas caused him to ignore recruiting offers from Kansas State and Iowa State. He made an unofficial visit to Nebraska and also considered Central Missouri State. But Kansas was where he wanted to play.

Vaughn dreams about a day when the Jayhawk football team draws the kind of fanatic support the basketball team receives. "The crowd is deafening in Allen Field House, and there's only 16,000 people in there," he says. "If we got 60,000 like that in the football stadium, I'd probably have 100 catches and eight touchdowns."

The kind of support Vaughn needs comes from winning.

"You can talk about it, but it has to come from the heart," he says. "Little kids look up to us now. They say, 'Wow, you play football at Kansas.' I wonder what it'll be like when we win seven or eight games. They love us now. They'll probably adore us then."

Vaughn is no longer known as Little Fats, and he doesn't have an X on his helmet. But for obvious reasons he's a marked man on a football field.

That's why he's given some thought to asking if he can exchange his No. 1 jersey for No. 9. As a freshman, Vaughn wore No. 19, but he always wanted a single-digit number. So when No. 1 became available, he grabbed it.

Now all the defensive backs in the Big Eight are looking for No. 1.

It'll take more than a new jersey number to keep defensive backs from ganging up on Vaughn, providing, of course, they can keep up with him.

But he's not the only Jayhawk receiver they'll worry about in '87.

Kansas had five of the top 11 pass receivers in the Big Eight last season, and they all return.

Senior Ronnie Caldwell ranked third in the conference with 39 catches for 423 yards and two touchdowns. Junior Arnold Snell caught 34 passes, senior Tony Harvey caught 25 and junior Peda Samuel finished with 18.

Sophomore Quintin Smith, who failed to qualify last season under the NCAA's Proposal 48 eligibility requirements, also figures to compete for playing time as a wide receiver.

Sophomore Kelly Donohoe, who became the starting quarterback near the end of the season, could begin the fall as No. 1, although Orth, a redshirted senior, decided to return for his final season.

Orth lost his starting job despite ranking second in the conference in total offense. He completed 144 of 290 passes for 1,548 yards and seven touchdowns in nine games. He was intercepted 12 times.

Donohoe was intercepted seven times and didn't throw a touchdown pass. He completed 48 of 87.

Donohoe is a better runner than Orth, though, and Valesente plans to incorporate more options in his offense. Last year, Kansas ranked

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Jayhawks tackle Eldridge Avery (90) was a man of heady accomplishments: 77 stops in '86. →



Mustangs Corralled
'Death Penalty' in Dallas

by Galyn Wilkins

Those who measure and prepare for catastrophes have a favorite new phrase they like to use in press conferences and memos.

"Worst-case scenario." It means the worst that can be imagined. It means you are finally under the hooves of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. It means someone has pulled the plug before you can get out of the drain. It means you are in the pickle vat and the lid has been nailed shut.

It was probably invented to describe the fate of Southern Methodist University's football program, which has received the NCAA's "death penalty": no football this year.

The Four Horsemen—War, Famine, Pestilence (make that Embarrassment) and Death—rode into Dallas and trampled SMU football with the worst-case scenario.

The NCAA's enforcement staff uncovered booster-fund payments to players. SMU had already been placed on three-year probation for a variety of recruiting violations in 1985. As a repeat offender, SMU could have received the full force of the death penalty—a two-year suspension. The Mustangs got one year—no football in 1987, a restricted schedule in 1988, plus other harsh penalties. The blow may have been lessened because the school cooperated in the investigation.

But to an SMU football fan, it was a fate worse than death. It was life without football, at least for a year. And then what? SMU would have to start over, incubate a freshman team, and hope it would survive being weaned against the Aggies and Razorbacks, and anyone else left standing in the Southwest Conference by then. The probation lasts until Sept. 1, 1990. But it probably will be six or seven years, maybe a decade, before the Mustangs will play competitive, big-time football again.

Now, in view of SMU's decision not to play in 1988, the Mustang faithful face two autumns with little to do. Turning into Texas Christian fans would seem to be out of the question.

They can while away the time with their scrapbooks, wistfully remembering Doak Walker run or wondering how Bob Finley beat TCU and Sammy Baugh in the 1935 classic that sent the Mustangs to the Rose Bowl. Great years, great memories, great times gone up in the smoke of a worst-case scenario.

Something else they can do is wonder why. Why and how did SMU become heavily involved in infractions?

This might be a better and more relevant question: How and why did the Southwest Conference suddenly get so many black eyes? What happened down there where TCU and Texas Tech are also on NCAA probation, and Texas, Texas A&M and Houston are under investigation?

The question has intrigued media explorers and college athletic engineers from all parts of the country. SMU was big news last winter. Big news and a big problem.

Of course, it's neither a new problem nor a problem limited to SWC schools. But then again, in no area or conference have there been so many investigations, such a wildfire spread of problems with the NCAA.

The answer is simple, much simpler than the solution, obviously.

What has been going on in Texas is a version of the old frontier water-rights wars. There never was enough water to go around in the 1880s. There never is enough football talent to go around in the 1980s. The more talent, the more demand for it. Coaches fight hard for it. They literally line up in front of a high school star's door, waiting for an audience.

Recruiting battles are waged within a comparatively small area by dozens of universities. In no area of the country, coaches say, are recruiting battles so fierce as in Texas.

That's half of the problem. The other half is that the alumni of SWC schools spend their

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SMU players didn't know last season that there would be no more football until 1989.





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Otis Dypwick was the longtime publicity director at the University of Minnesota.

An out-of-town writer flew into Minneapolis to do some stories on the Gophers and called him at his home.

His wife answered the phone. "Excuse me," said the writer, "is this the home of Otis Dypwick?"

She replied: "Is there another?"

My Favorite Story

Illinois is playing Northwestern at Dyche Stadium in Evanston in 1945. The war is ending and many of the sportswriters are still away in service.

Jerry Rideout, former publicity director of the Buick Motor Car Company, is working for the United Press bureau in Chicago, and he is assigned to the game. He knows very little about football.

Buddy Young scores three touchdowns for Illinois in the first half. As Rideout is relaxing in the press box at halftime, he is given a ticker tape message from Western Union. It is from his office. The message reads: "If Buddy Young scores one more touchdown in the second half, he will tie Red Grange's Big Ten record."

Rideout looks at the message and turns to the man sitting next to him and says: "Who the bleep is Red Grange?"

The man looks back at him and says: "I am."

What to eat at college football games:

Rule No. 1 is if you are covering the University of Michigan, never eat Don Canham's hot dogs in the press box.

Rule No. 2 is never break Rule No. 1. Experienced gourmets swear Mr. Canham (Michigan's athletic director) cooks his hot dogs on Thursday, ships them in on Friday and sells them on Saturday, then freezes the leftovers for next week.

Purely Personal

1. Never eat a large breakfast on college football Saturdays. It ruins the day. Mostly, it ruins lunch.

2. Stop at the Stage Deli and get two beef brisket sandwiches on sour rye to go, with a new pickle cut up, and a container of potato salad and a container of chopped chicken liver.

3. The major problem is not to eat all the sandwiches in the car before you get to the game because there's nothing left to do when you get there but watch other people eat their sandwiches.

Games I must see before I pull the plug on my computer:

1. Yale-Harvard.

2. Anybody at Dartmouth because can you imagine spending an autumn weekend in the hills of Hanover, N.H., sitting before the fireplace at night, drinking hot buttered rum and telling lies to each other.

3. Texas-Oklahoma (and how come Oklahoma never gets to play this game at home?).

4. USC-UCLA.

5. Williams-Amherst.

Best move of 1986: Driving from Manhattan to Princeton, N.J., on the day of Game 6 of the World Series and seeing Princeton play Harvard and drinking cold beer and buying a black and orange Princeton sweater for my wife. She now has sweaters from South Carolina and Princeton and Slippery Rock, and our neighbors think we are very educated. I don't wear my Alcatraz AC sweater in public.

Three Scariest Coaches of All-Time

1. Bear Bryant.
2. Vince Lombardi.
3. Woody Hayes.

You have not lived until:

- You've seen a football game in Michie Stadium at West Point.
- You've driven through the mountains to the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day before anyone else gets up in the morning.
- You've watched Notre Dame's Roger Valdiserri do his stuff in the Notre Dame press box at a big game—easily the finest publicity man in the business and this is not a paid political announcement. I have never shared a meal with the man.
- You've watched the Ohio State band spell out "Ohio" in script at halftime in Columbus.
- You've spent one week at the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe and sat in the Jacuzzi before and after work . . . cool to get the day started and warm to get it ended.

A dozen people I would like to meet that I never met:

1. Col. Red Blaik.
2. Howard Jones.
3. Bear Bryant.
4. Gen. Bob Neyland.
5. Grantland Rice.
6. Dick Butkus.
7. Joe Paterno.
8. Fielding H. Yost.
9. Clark Shaughnessy.
10. Sid Gillman.
11. Sid Luckman.
12. Kim Novak.

Best College Player I Ever Saw: A tie—Dick Butkus and Ron Kramer.

Anecdote Alley

Bo Schembechler has been taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Pasadena with a heart attack on the morning of the 1970 Rose Bowl game.

They've got the Michigan coach wired up to all kinds of gadgets, with a nurse watching over him through a little window at the far end of the room.

George Allen is his first visitor. He walks into the room of the intensive care unit and has a terrible expression on his face.

"Bo, this is awful," he says. "I can't believe this. This is terrible."

Schembechler looks at him but doesn't speak.

Allen shakes his head and says: "Bo, tell me . . . tell me how can I keep this from happening to me?"

Marv Homan, Ohio State Sports Information Director, tells a great Woody Hayes story.

Hayes is late for a meeting at St. John Arena. Homan looks out the window of his office and sees Hayes pull into the parking lot in his truck. There is only one parking space left.

Hayes pulls the truck in but can't get the door open. It bangs against the car next to him.

He backs out and tries it again. Same thing. He can't get the door open to get out.

Now he backs out one more time. He gets out of his truck, goes around to the rear and pushes it into the final parking spot.

If I Were a Coach . . .

- I'd have stuffed cabbage at the training table.
- I'd book a lot of games against Hawaii.
- I'd stay outside and watch the bands at halftime.
- I'd shower first before all the hot water is gone.
- I'd have steak sandwiches for the sportswriters after losing games.
- I'd throw on first down in case the sportswriters don't like my steak sandwiches.
- I'd show Jackie Gleason reruns in the film room.
- I'd do a lot of recruiting in Palm Springs.
- I'd hire Lawrence Taylor as a playing coach.
- I'd have Frank Nitti draw up my contract with the school officials.
- I'd also have chocolate ice cream cake and plenty of cold beer for the writers.

Trainer: "How do you get a dub dub in shape?"
Coach: "I give up."
Trainer: "You rub a dub dub."

What Ever Became of . . .
Monk Meyer?
The dropkick?
The Notre Dame box?
Two-dollar tickets?
The buck lateral series?
The belly series?
Jarrin' John Kimbrough?
The fifth down?
Walter Camp?
Bill Swiacki?
KF-79?

Some things I don't understand about college football:

1. Why don't they start the games with a two-minute drill and get a quick lead?

2. If the end-around is such a hot play, why don't they run it more often?

3. Who blows up the balls?

4. Which one is the field judge?

5. How do you judge a field?

6. How can anyone pick All-America teams when they don't see all the All-Americans play?

7. How come the nose tackle never tackles any noses?

8. How come nobody gets hit by the bullet instead of dodging it all the time?

9. Why is it called a safety?

10. Why can't the defense run with a fumble?

Idle Thoughts

If I had a dinner party, I'd invite Larry Csonka to cook the meat and potatoes.

Barry Switzer is a terrible golfer because he keeps it on the ground all the time.

I never saw a goalpost in anyone's home after they tore it down.

I'm not fussy—I'll sit on either 49-yard line.

If you can throw a home-run ball in football, why can't you score a touchdown in baseball?

How did they ever spell Alexander Wojciechowicz on deadline in the old days?

When is the Big Ten going to expand?

If the Pac-10 dropped four teams, would they become the Six-Pac?

I miss Bill Stern.

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(Fun Bowls continued)

Penn State's upset of top-ranked Miami and his team's 42-8 victory over Arkansas in the Orange Bowl. "I haven't spent 30 seconds worrying about that," Switzer said.

And finally, everybody's man of the hour, Penn State Coach Joe Paterno, was pleased. Not just with victory but with the chance to make it count. He'd had undefeated teams before, but they were outscored in the polls. This game apparently was the only way he could be assured of getting his team its due. "It would have been a real shame if we hadn't played, because Miami would have been voted No. 1," Paterno said. "I think the kids have a right to win a championship on the field." Joe liked it.

Inescapable conclusion: Let's do it again.

Hold on. College football, on the Division I-A level anyway, does not presently, or historically, hold a playoff, even though playoffs produce champions in every other sport and at every other level. You may ask why not. Let's just say enough of the right people don't like it, so we won't see it again until those same moons are once more in alignment. Something about the aforementioned free enterprise system.

Oh, a playoff has its attractions. Paterno pointed out the principal one, the fairness factor. Miami, ranked No. 1 from early-season on, had a lock on the national championship as long as it won its final game. Nothing Penn State could do, short of playing and beating Miami, would have changed that. Nobody knew it better than Paterno.

Consider this: Penn State finished the 1969 season undefeated with a 10-3 victory over Missouri in the Orange Bowl. The title was voted to Texas, also 11-0 and winner over Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl. Paterno always blamed Richard Nixon. The president had attended the Texas (15)-Arkansas (14) game during the season, had gone on TV and appointed the winner as the certain national champion. In another year, 1973, Penn State went 12-0 yet wound up fifth in the polls. It was Paterno's third perfect-record team in six years and was a little too much for him to take. Joe voted Penn State No. 1 in his own poll and bought championship rings for himself and his players.

A playoff format could ensure fairness to the postseason coronation, although it would never be completely fair. Whether you decided on the best two teams to come out of the bowls for a collegiate Super Bowl, which an NCAA committee recommended, or whether you sent 16 teams through bowl qualifiers, there would be the inevitable complaining by the teams left out of the playoffs. You can not, as in college basketball, invite 64 teams along for the ride. Still, it would be fairer.

But it's just not as much fun. A roster's attrition by injury, natural enough during the course of the season, would be unacceptable in a lengthened season. By the time the best team got to the championship game, it might no longer be the best. But never mind that.

We've got tradition to deal with, that of the bowls, a tradition that produces income to boot. John French, executive officer of the Rose Bowl, may sound self-serving in his defense of the status quo. But listen to him anyway: "We can say it until we're blue in the face, but we believe in the present bowl structure and the attractiveness of 18 different bragging rights, allowing conferences to have that long-term tradition."

In short, the bowl system will adhere to the most American of ways, good old free enterprise. Until the moons line up again, it could still be fun for everybody.

The Rose Bowl, traditional enough to be called the Granddaddy of Them All, has no interest in, and usually no possibility of, deciding a national champion. It has contractual ties with the Big Ten and the Pac-10. It couldn't have bid on the Penn State-Miami game if it wanted to. And why would it want to? It makes money—$11 million from NBC—with games that tend to be predictable. And, with automatic selection, overhead is low; the Rose Bowl doesn't need to court teams. You think the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl was trying to do a little piece of business? What do you think the Rose Bowl has been doing all these years?

Further, the teams it endows have little interest in a national championship. Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler says: "I don't understand why everybody talks about a national championship. I have never pursued a national championship. I never will. It doesn't matter to my career."

There are several reasons why Schembechler might say that. One, he hardly ever wins those postseason events, and it hasn't hurt him or Michigan football all that much. Two, the Rose Bowl guarantees a payout of $5.8 million per school. Since the rest of the teams in the two conferences share in that revenue, you can be assured there is no race to vote for a playoff game.

"I don't know how you could get any votes in the Pac-10 or Big Ten for a national championship, because of what the Rose Bowl does for us and our programs," says Washington Coach Don James. "If you vote for a national championship game, you lose about a half million dollars."

With the present bowl situation, as tradition-bound as it may appear, free enterprise has been an ongoing thing. The Sunkist Fiesta Bowl featured business wrinkles that caught the old guard off-guard, like boosting a payout to upgrade the quality of the game and using the combined flexibility of sponsorship and network programming to assure a better matchup. These measures are not entirely new, of course. The Sugar Bowl, among others, has secured sponsorship (USF&G) to offset declining TV revenues. And it has moved the game around from time to time to garner better audiences. The Sunkist Fiesta Bowl, in an increasingly competitive market, merely fine-tuned the economics of an old system.

The bowl system, a curious combination of regional boosterism and conference rivalries, continues to flourish. We are left to wonder, why fix it? Says James: "I think we've got the best of two worlds in Division I-A. We've got great visibility in the bowls and we've got a poll system. No one's ever going to agree on the polls, but they're kind of fun. You get a chance to play in a bowl and you can win a national championship, too."

In other words, college football has it all, with the exception of that single-minded, single-elimination march to a championship, a march that would have its own serious drawbacks. Playoffs, after all, are a kind of Pandora's box. Would the independent schools draw up easier schedules to ensure high ranking at the season's end? Would fans lose interest in the qualifying bowls? Certainly the New Year's Day bowls suffered with the prospect of a championship bowl the next day.

Finally, would the concept of the bowl system, which is meant somewhat to be a reward for players and fans, become corrupted by a playoff system, when games become do-or-die, lengthening the season with heightened pressure? Big-time college football suffers enough with the pressures to win. The bowls, which dispense some $44 million to losers and winners alike, are an almost utopian relief to that. Trips to Disneyland seem almost as important as the final polls.

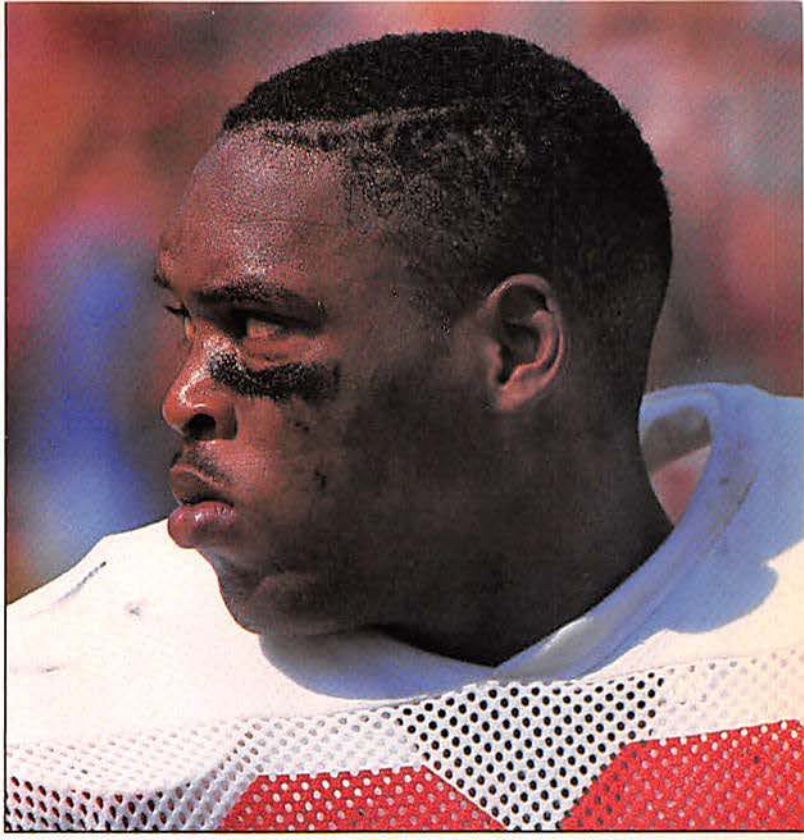
Gone, too, would be the season-long intrigue engendered most years by the weekly polls. Last season Miami had No. 1 wrapped up by the Oklahoma game. There was little to wonder about except what bowl Miami and Penn State would wind up in. In that respect, the entrepreneurial Sunkist Fiesta Bowl saved us all.

The bowl system is indeed old-fashioned, although the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl may be pushing it into the 1980s with its innovative ideas. But it will adjust to the economic pressures, and it will acknowledge the different ways to put together a game—whether by changing TV dates or attracting sponsorship or bolstering payouts, or even severing conference ties so it can wheel and deal more freely.

In short, the bowl system will adhere to the most American of ways, good old free enterprise. Until the moons line up again, it could still be fun for everybody.

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Broderick Thomas: Making Names for Himself



Thomas loves to talk but obviously he's no Bosworth.

by Mike Babcock

What's in a name?

Try Broderick Thomas, Nebraska's All-Big Eight defensive end. Or is he Lee Singletary? The Sandman, maybe? Or how about The Master of Disaster?

Thomas answers to all of them.

He made 58 tackles last season, 41 unassisted. Among 11 tackles for losses totaling 48 yards were four sacks.

Not bad, but besides that, he set a school record by recovering six opponent fumbles, three in one game against Colorado. He even scored a touchdown when he picked up a teammate's fumble and ran it across.

The Master of Disaster is a nickname that suits Thomas. But he likes another better: The Sandman.

Thomas has been known as The Sandman since his sophomore year in high school. He's always been aggressive, hard-hitting. "I'd grab quarterbacks, and I guess they thought I knocked 'em out," he says, "but I just like to knock people around. That's football. In my own mind, my name is Broderick 'The Sandman' Thomas."

What about Lee Singletary?

Actually, Lee Singletary *is* Broderick Thomas—his real name, that is. In fact, that's how he's listed in the student directory: Lee Singletary.

"I just don't use it," Thomas says. "Thomas rolls right off your tongue. Singletary is a hard name to pronounce."

But he's proud of it. His uncle is Mike Singletary, All-Pro linebacker for the Chicago Bears.

They talk a lot. Sometimes what they talk about is talking.

"Mike says talking doesn't win games," Thomas says. "You have to go out there and execute, do things well, then open your mouth. The only way I'm going to open my mouth is when I'm playing well. And I should always feel that way because I work hard to be the best."

Thomas also talks frequently to a cousin, Vantz Singletary, a linebacker at Kansas State this fall after transferring from Blinn College in Brenham, Texas.

"Mike always does like this," Thomas says, forming a tripod with his fingers. "He's already made it big, and if Vantz and I can make it, too, it'll be perfect. But if one of us fails, the tripod is broken."

After success in football, Thomas wants to return to Houston, his home, and "help to keep kids out of trouble. I want people to say, 'Broderick Thomas is helping the community.'"

One Sunday last fall, he and Cornhusker quarterback Steve Taylor, his roommate, attended a midget football game. A 5-year-old named Matthew was watching his older brother play. Matthew is handicapped; he was born without feet or hands.

A coach recognized Thomas, sitting in the bleachers, and asked him to meet Matthew. "Usually the athlete just says, 'Hi, kid,'" the coach said. "Broderick hopped down and picked up Matthew.

"I doubt if a picture could have captured it. Broderick is big (6-2, 235) and Matthew is undersized. It was a touching scene."

"He was the greatest little kid I've ever seen," Thomas recalls. The Master of Disaster has a gentle side.

He always seems to have time for fans and is especially popular with young ones. He's never short of words of advice and encouragement for those who recognize him on the street.

"People ask me for an autograph, I give it to 'em, then I talk to 'em," says Thomas. "I say: 'How you been doing? How do you like school?' I try to stress to kids: 'Stay in school, leave drugs alone. If you like the way I play, go to class, make good grades, try hard and you can do it someday, too.'"

Nebraska was one of several schools that liked the way Thomas played at Houston's Madison High School. He started three seasons as a defensive tackle for teams with records of 5-5, 9-2-1 and 12-0-1.

In Thomas' senior year, he was *The Houston Post's* Defensive Player of the Year and No. 30 in *Athlon's* Top 100 in 1985.

Oklahoma was among the schools Thomas considered most seriously.

According to Thomas, Sooner Coach Barry Switzer wanted him to continue playing defensive tackle.

"I told him, 'I don't want to play defensive tackle, sir,'" Thomas says. "I don't know what I would have done if he had said they'd play me at defensive end. It was a tough decision."

Thomas began his career as a defensive end in the seventh grade, then quit the sport as an eighth grader. Seems the coach wouldn't let him be a running back.

"I always thought of myself as a great athlete, and the position I thought I was great at was I-back," Thomas says. "The coach told me I was too big for that. He said, 'You're fast enough, but you're too big a target.' Nobody was going to catch me, though, so why not?"

A year away from football was enough. Thomas agreed to play linebacker on the ninth-grade team. He moved to defensive

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When Thomas (The Sandman—get it?) crosses the line of scrimmage, the ball carrier had best put on some steam.

(Broderick Thomas continued)

tackle in his sophomore year in high school.

In addition to Nebraska and Oklahoma, Thomas was interested in Grambling, Texas, UCLA and Georgia. But he says, "They didn't offer me anything but an education."

Thomas saw the negative side of recruiting. There was evidence in his neighborhood.

"You see a guy who's only 18 and doesn't work, just going to school (college), and the next thing you know, he's driving a big car and dressing nice," says Thomas. "In high school, he didn't have those things. You wonder, 'What happened? Did he hit a gold mine?'

"I wasn't for sale. If I wanted cars and clothes and everything, I wouldn't be at Nebraska. But I wanted an education, a degree, a chance to play pro ball, to be a first-round draft pick. I wanted to play at a school where they won Lombardis, Outlands and Heismans.

"If I didn't want those things, I'd be somewhere else. My pockets would be full. I'd be enjoying myself, having somebody else going to class for me."

Thomas arrived at Nebraska intending to play with the varsity as a freshman. That's something that just doesn't happen at Nebraska unless the athlete is extremely talented. Which he is.

In the 12 seasons prior to his arrival, only three true sophomores had played defensive end for the Cornhusker varsity: Bob Martin, Jimmy Williams and Scott Strasburger. Martin and Williams became All-Americans. Strasburger was All-Big Eight.

They didn't play as freshmen. Thomas was with the varsity as a freshman, fulfilling his prediction.

Nebraska fans didn't quite know how to take Thomas' brashness at first. Some still don't.

He's been described as the Cornhuskers' version of The Boz, Brian Bosworth, Oklahoma's controversial, quotable linebacker. Consider Thomas' remarks prior to last season's Sugar Bowl game with Louisiana State.

"I don't know who their quarterback is," Thomas said of the Tigers' Tommy Hodson. "But I pray to God he lasts two quarters. He will get punished. LSU expects to get hit. I won't disappoint them. I will bring the wood. If I don't get blocked, bring out the stretcher because somebody's going to need it."

Though no one was carried off on a stretcher, Thomas' words had the ring of truth.

Afterward, Thomas proclaimed, "The 1987 Raisin' Hell Tour has begun." That's his current characterization of Nebraska's famous Black Shirt defense.

Thomas may be as quotable as Bosworth, but the comparison ends there as far as he's concerned.

"He talks a lot but he talks in a negative way," Thomas says. "I don't want people to think I'm a loudmouth, because I'm not."

Thomas' performance last season earned him the kind of off-the-field attention usually reserved for quarterbacks.

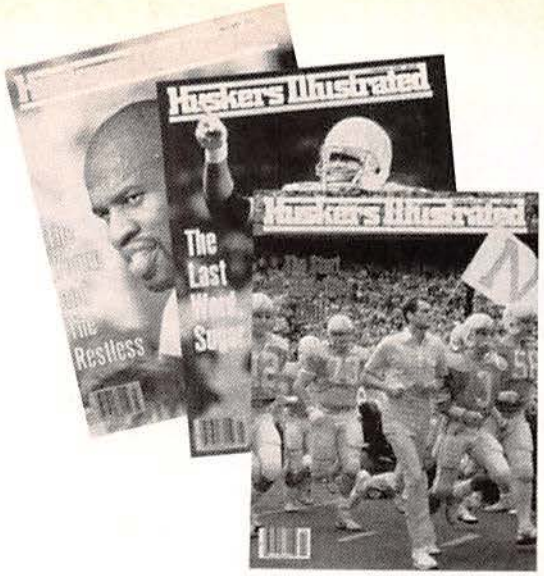
"When Steve and I used to go places, I'd get attention just because I'm big," Thomas says. "'He must be a football player,' people would say. But then they'd add, 'That's Steve Taylor.' Now, they're saying, 'That's Broderick Thomas.'"

Sometimes he wishes they would insert The Sandman when they mention his name.

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Erik McMillan enters his senior season still wearing No. 96, even though he will continue to play strong safety, and everyone knows safeties don't wear numbers in the 90s.

"I went home and my friends said, 'You gotta get rid of it,' " McMillan says of his uniform number. "But I earned it and I'm not giving it up. I don't care what it looks like."

Why should he be so attached to old 96?

McMillan was a redshirted defensive end, not expected to play as a freshman at Missouri when the number was assigned to him. In the previous season, No. 96 was worn by Bobby Bell, who had stayed on as a graduate assistant during McMillan's redshirt season.

The last time the Tigers suffered three straight losing campaigns was 1956. McMillan is expected to be a leader in what could be a turnabout year.

"Bobby wore No. 96 and I was his friend," McMillan explains. "He'd always take time to show me things after practice. We were pretty close."

No matter what numbers they wear, the Tigers face an uphill struggle in the Big Eight, perennially dominated by national powers Oklahoma and Nebraska.

Coach Woody Widenhofer, whose teams posted 1-10 and 3-8 records the last two seasons, is counting on McMillan and eight more 1986 starters on defense, and a change to the flexbone offense (a wishbone with more passing).

Missouri, once a contender in the conference and a national power in the 1960s, has not enjoyed a winning season since 1983. The last time the Tigers suffered three straight losing campaigns was 1956.

McMillan is expected to be a leader in what could be a turnabout year. He was a team captain in '86, the first Missouri junior to hold that distinction since Bob Schoonmaker in 1952.

He is the son of Ernie McMillan, former All-Pro offensive lineman and onetime assistant coach with the St. Louis Cardinals.

"I had great role models as a kid," Erik says. "Naturally, I thought a lot about football, of being a player. My father was always there."

"If you have to baby-sit them, you might as well put them to work, too," Ernie says. When Erik was only 6, his father would take him to a park near their home in St. Louis. "He had some jitterbug moves. I had to chase him all over that park."

Locker No. 96 in the Missouri dressing room has a bubble gum card from 1975 taped on it. The card shows Ernie McMillan in a Cardinals' uniform.

"Erik's not a fat fellow like his dad," says Ernie, who played at 6-6, 275.

"I look like my mom but I act like my dad," says 6-2, 195-pound Erik. "He would get pretty mean on the field. He was a different person out there."

Ernie took Erik to team meetings that involved Jim Hanifan, then offensive line coach. "It was good for Jim," Ernie says. "It made him watch his language."

"They took me in like I was their kid," Erik recalls. "I'd throw the football around with them and try on their shoulder pads. Everybody asked, 'What's it like to be a football player's son?' But I always thought, 'That's just my dad's job.' When he said he was going to a game, it was like he was going to the office. His office happened to be Busch Stadium."

Erik was not pressured to play football. But he remembers a little league game that, at the age of 10, influenced his attitude.

"I was the tailback and my job was to block the end. I was scared to hit and I just brushed the guy.

"My dad saw it and said loudly, 'You want to play this game? If you do, you've got to get in there and get after people. If you don't want to play, let's go home.' I was embarrassed but I was fired up, too.

"The coach called the same play, and this time I put the end on his back. My dad got real loud again. 'Yeah, that's right; get fierce!' he said. I think I learned my lesson that day."

When his parents were divorced, Erik moved with his mother to Silver Springs, Md.

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Tigers safety Erik McMillan (96) had plenty of problems to tackle in '86, but this year seven defensive starters return.


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Darrell Wallace can high-step into Missouri record books with just 303 yards.

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He was a defensive end and kicker in high school. Wichita State was the only college to offer a visit.

But Erik's cousin, Howard Richards, then a Dallas Cowboy and a former Missouri player, called to see if he wanted tickets for the Cowboys' game at nearby Washington D.C.

"He asked how recruiting was going," McMillan says. "When I told him my only visit was to Wichita State, he said, 'I'll get back to you.' "

Richards arranged a visit to Missouri.

"It was natural for me," he says. "My cousin had played there. I was from St. Louis. There was a good communications school (he plans to be a television producer). Missouri had everything I needed."

And McMillan had the skills Missouri needed. He could run the 40 in 4.28 seconds and do a vertical leap of 35½ inches. But playing defensive end at 192 pounds, his weight was a disadvantage against offensive linemen in the 240 to 280 range.

The next spring McMillan was moved to free safety.

The change was not easy.

"I said, 'Oh, no, here we go again. I'll be a rookie, a freshman all over.' But my second reaction was, 'They must have some faith in me to give me a shot like this.'

"Everyone said, 'Oh, he'll do it easy. He's a natural.' Well, that wasn't the case at all."

Bill McConnell, who coaches Missouri's defensive backs, agrees.

"It's not a natural move, going from defensive end to safety," he says. "The key is trying to harness aggressiveness, to be able to read a play when all your life you've been taught to go to the guy with the ball."

"The hitting was the easy part," McMillan says. "The hardest part was learning the defense and getting the footwork down, running backward instead of forward. It tried my patience. I'd get burned all the time. I'd see the quarterback sprinting out, and I'd come up. The receiver would be past me. Coaches would be yelling and the receiver would just turn around, adjust his belt and catch the ball. Touchdown. It was frustrating."

McConnell understood.

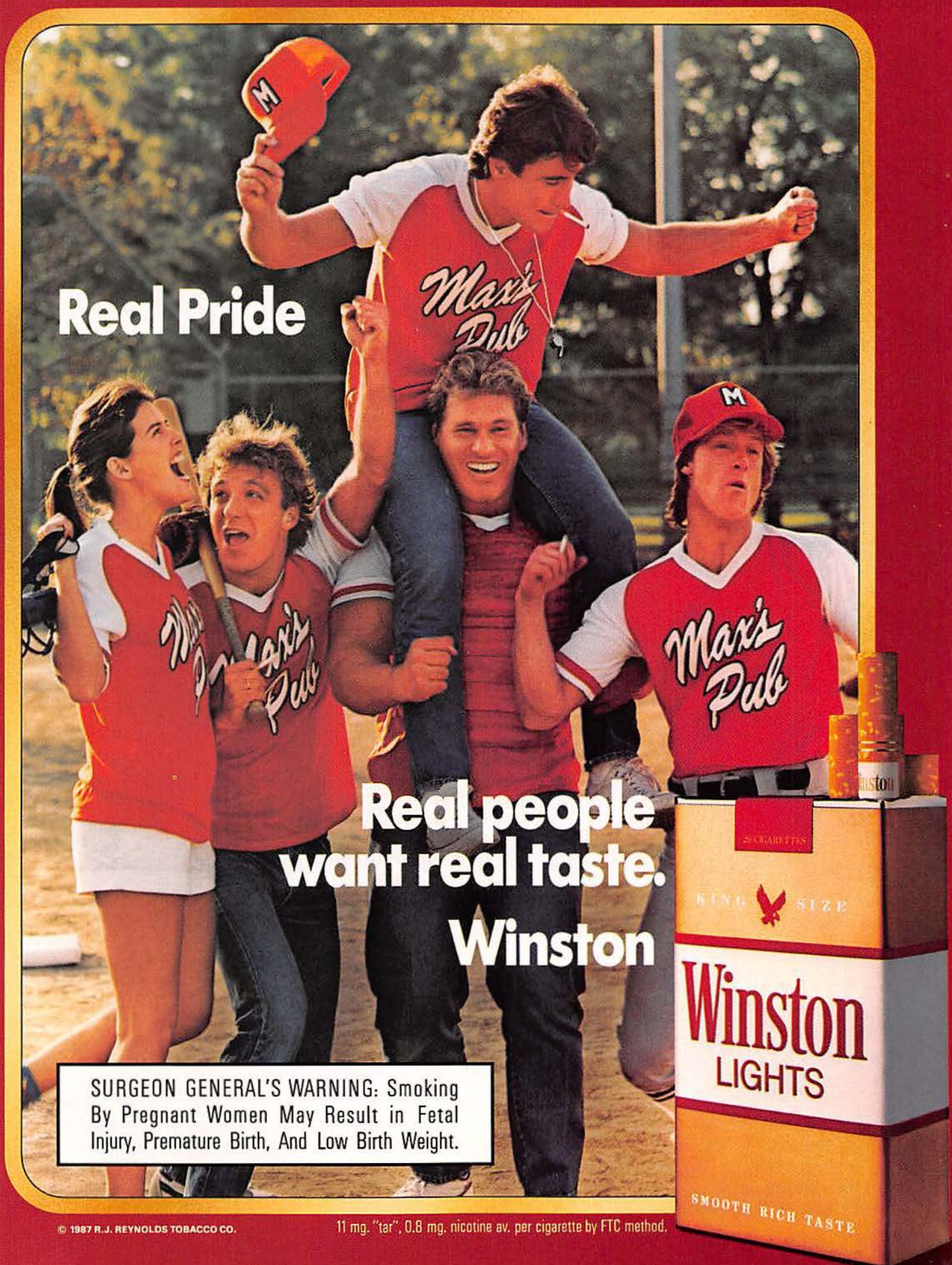
"Erik is a perfectionist, and he puts an awful lot of pressure on himself," he says.

"It hurts him when he makes mistakes," says Widenhofer. "The problem at safety is that when you make a mistake, it's glaring."

The move paid off. As a sophomore, McMillan was named second-team All-Big Eight, honorable mention All-America and was picked on the sophomore All-America team by *Football News*.

Missouri got its first shutout of the Widenhofer era, 48-0, against archrival Kansas in the next to last game of the 1986 season. Then the Tigers played well enough on defense to win their final game against Oklahoma State but wound up losing 10-6.

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He makes tradition where he finds it, and that includes the holy waters of Beautiful Eagle Creek

Erk Russell

by Ed Hinton

The great thinking, the stuff the suddenly rich lore of Georgia Southern football is made of, is done at Snooky's cafe in Statesboro, Ga. By 6 each morning, Erskine Russell is already there, musing over his coffee. The coffee, he says, "makes your head do strange things."

Legends bud at Snooky's inside the scarred and hairless cranium of Erk Russell, the coach who in six years has raised Georgia Southern's Eagles from football nonexistence to two consecutive national championships in NCAA Division I-AA.

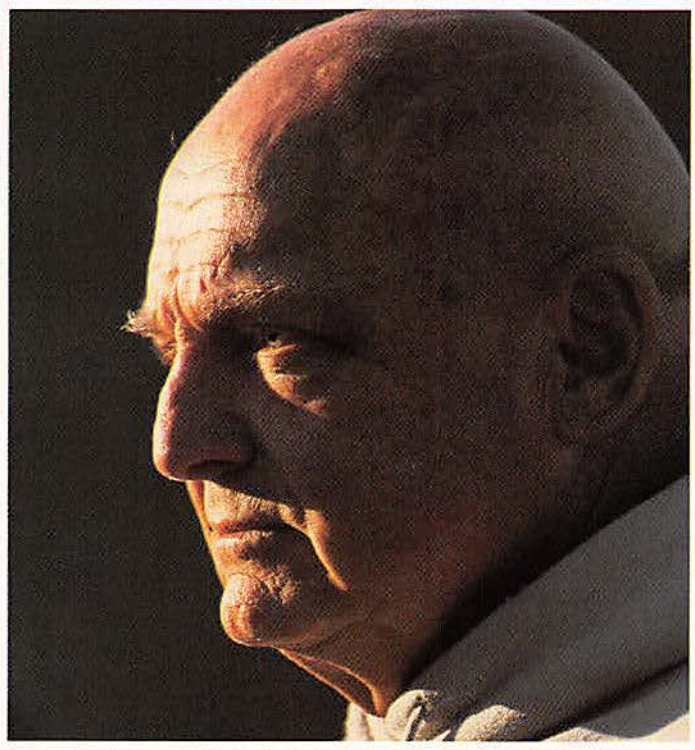
The Allegory of the Rattlesnake—starring a very live, very poisonous reptile—was conceived at a meeting of Russell's "6 a.m. group of philosophers" at Snooky's. The concept so overwhelmed him that he waited around for the "7:30 group of philosophers" to help him figure out where they could get their hands on a rattlesnake.

The name Beautiful Eagle Creek occurred to him one morning as he gazed out the window at a slimy drainage ditch on the other side of the practice fields. An official state marker, white letters on blue background, now marks Beautiful Eagle Creek. It is currently the trendiest stream in South Georgia, if not the entire state.

The magic of the waters of Beautiful Eagle Creek (never let Erk hear you leave out "Beautiful" when you talk about his Blue Danube of Bulloch County) dawned on him at Snooky's. The high liturgy of the sprinkling of these holy waters upon the fields where Georgia Southern sought and won two national championships was prescribed at Snooky's.

Such a mystical, complex man this Russell seems to be, thanks to the national media: a balding high priest of swamp water hexes, rustic eloquence and dazzling offense; a molder of national championships at a college that only six years ago had no football program.

But such a simple man this Russell really is, at Snooky's in the mornings with his coffee and his fresh ideas that (a) always manage to get his points across to his players and (b) somehow mushroom into regional, sometimes national, legends.



Russell denies that he has an uncanny, unique ability to communicate with his players. "I can't really speak about that," he says. "I know I like 'em, if that means anything."

Does it mean anything? It means everything. It means communication, direct and uncluttered.

Late last summer, with basketball star Len Bias and NFL player Don Rogers recently dead of cocaine use, most football coaches, including Russell, lectured their players on the dangers of drugs. At a team meeting he spread bags of baking powder and powdered sugar on a table and warned that white powder (cocaine) can kill. Yeah, coach. Right . . . Ho-hum . . . Not bad, but still just another anti-drug lecture.

Then Russell hollered, "OK, bring him in!" And in came a couple of his friends from Claxton, Ga., with a cage from which they produced a six-foot rattlesnake. They threw it onto the table with the dummy drugs. The players yelled and scattered, backing against the walls.

"How many famous athletes have died recently of a rattlesnake bite?" Russell asked. "And how many have died of cocaine?"

The room was silent, except for the ominous rattle from the snake's tail.

"When that white stuff comes into a room, you're not nearly as apt to leave as when that rattlesnake comes in," Russell said. "Look, they'll both kill you. If that white stuff comes into a room, you get out like it's a rattlesnake. Because it is."

End of meeting.

Fred Stokes, a tackle on the 1986 team, says, "My first reaction was to get out of that room. After things settled down, we sort of laughed about it. Now, as I look back, I realize Coach Russell made a good point. He didn't want us messing with drugs, and he figured that was the best way to get our attention. It definitely worked for me."

And it worked for the others, including wide receiver Tony Belsea. "Every time I see something on television or in the newspapers about cocaine, I see that rattlesnake, I think about that rattlesnake," he says.

A year later, Russell is certain

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the point stuck. "I don't think any of those guys will ever set eyes on cocaine or crack without seeing that rattlesnake," he says. "I've gotten letters from coaches throughout the country saying it was a good way to make the point. It was a good lesson, if I do say so. Hell, it impressed *me*."

Russell's clear communication can also be of the everyday variety. In the intense heat of preseason practice, he does sit-ups and push-ups. He runs. He does almost everything he asks his players to do.

"When we see him doing that at age 60," says Sammy Williams, a defensive lineman on both national championship teams at Georgia Southern, "we know we can do what it takes to stay in shape at age 17 through 21. He sets the tempo."

The oldest, most notorious tale of direct communication with players is that the bareheaded Russell butts heads with helmeted players during pregame warm-ups. That story started at the University of Georgia, where he spent 17 years as Vince Dooley's defensive coordinator, creating and training the Junkyard Dogs of the mid-'70s.

"He doesn't do that anymore," says Mike Healey, Russell's defensive coordinator. "That type of motivation needs to come from assistant coaches. And I don't think any of us are prepared to do it. I can do a lot of things, but not that."

"My wife has been telling me for 20 years that if I did that again she was going to leave me," Russell says.

Actually, he claims, he never did literally butt heads with players. He says it was just a story that grew at Georgia at the dawn of the Junkyard Dog era.

"It was just a little preliminary tackling drill we used to do," Russell says. "The idea is to put your eyes right on the other guy's pads (that is, hit the opponent in the chest). When I would do that with the Georgia players, the uninformed sitting in the stands and the press box would think I was butting heads. Oh, it'll take a little skin off your head, but it ain't really head-buttin'."

In the 1981 Sugar Bowl game, Georgia won the national championship of Division I-A, and Russell, on the sidelines in a black shirt with the sleeves ripped off at the shoulders, was the symbol of Bulldog scrappiness.

It was his last game with Georgia.

That spring, he was offered a job as head coach of, well, nothing. Georgia Southern, down in Statesboro, had decided to revive football after a 41-year layoff. There were no helmets, no pads, no locker room. When Russell took the job, the school president had to go out and buy a football for the photo session at the press conference.

Four and a half years later, in only their second year of I-AA competition, the Eagles won their first national championship.

Toward the end of the 1985 season, the legend of Beautiful Eagle Creek was created.

"I was settin' at Snooky's one morning before we went to play Northern Iowa (in a semifinal game of the 1985 playoffs)," Russell says, "and I got to thinkin' about how we was goin' off 2,000 miles from home to play. Statesboro is the gnat capital of America, and Beautiful Eagle Creek is probably the birthplace of every leading American mosquito.

"I got me a milk jug. I came over and filled it with Beautiful Eagle Creek water and took it with me. When we got to their stadium the night before the game, I went to one end zone and poured out some water. I went all the way down the field pouring the water and emptied the jug in the other end zone. We felt like some of those gnat and mosquito larvae would hatch overnight and make us feel at home during the game."

Georgia Southern won (though the gnat most maddening to Northern Iowa was the little Eagle quarterback, Tracy Ham) and advanced to the championship game at Tacoma, Wash.

"I took another jug into the Tacoma Dome for the Furman game," says Russell. And last year, he took another jug into the same Dome to put a 48-21 whammy on Arkansas State, which tried in vain to counter with its own hex: stagnant pond water poured by Coach Larry Lacewell.

Russell's creek water is 4-0 in playoffs. He uses it only in semifinal and final games. The ceremony of the sprinkling of the field has grown to include a procession and incantations.

Before the 1986 semifinal game at Nevada-Reno, stories of the creek water ritual were so widespread that a group of photographers collected on the field to document it. Russell shooed them away. He would not, and will not, allow pictures of the ritual.

"It's between me and my players," Russell says.

"A lot of people have laughed about the (sprinkling) ceremonies," says Ham, "but to us they were very meaningful. In big games a long way from home, they helped to loosen everyone up."

The senior players' committee to design the 1986 championship rings decided to replace the Eagle on the ring logo with an engraving of a jug to represent Beautiful Eagle Creek water taken to the playoffs.

"That's how important the ceremonies were to us," says Ham, a committee member.

As always, Russell has communicated with his players in such a simple and humorous, yet profound, way that drainage ditches seem hallowed, stagnant waters magical and teammates passed over by big-time schools seem mighty.

Russell will take credit for shaping the lore and the mystique, but not for the national titles.

"I'm not going to kid myself into thinking this is something I did," he says. "I understand how we became national champions: We had the best quarterback (Ham) in the country to run the option. We had good skill people to go with him, and our offensive coaches (coordinator Paul Johnson; Russell's son, Jay, wide receivers; and Tim Stowers, line) and our players did it. I'm not any better coach than I was when I was defensive coordinator at Georgia in 1979, when we lost our first three games and went 6-5."

"Sixty?" he argues. "Naw, I'm 50. When I got here, I had my age legally lowered. I'd heard this was a young man's job."

But he was a superb communicator even then, and now his direct lines to his players and his belief in the youngsters are unfettered by anyone else's philosophy.

Russell was able to recruit Ham away from Florida and Florida State via those direct lines and that belief.

"When I was in high school (at High Springs, Fla.)," says Ham, "Coach Russell was the only one who thought I could play quarterback. He was the only coach who would give me a chance. I had a lot to prove and he let me prove it."

Now, Russell, I-AA Coach of the Year and member of the Georgia Football Hall of Fame, faces life without Ham. After amassing 12,512 career yards (4,253 rushing and 7,259 passing) and 98 touchdowns (including playoffs), Ham is headed for the pros.

"Has it sunk in that Tracy will be gone?" says Russell. "Yeah, I guess. 'Bout as much as the idea of winning two consecutive national championships has sunk in . Y'see, this is all a dream anyway."

The option offense continues. Beautiful Eagle Creek flows on. The philosophers meet every predawn at Snooky's. And after only six years, Georgia Southern has a sudden tradition, created by Erk Russell.

Georgia Southern's student population of 7,500 has become so enthralled with football during Russell's short reign that each preseason, in addition to the 55 scholarship players, about 90 walk-ons try out. He would allow more walk-ons if he had equipment for them. As it is, the only would-be players he discourages are those who never played football at the high school or junior high level. "The odds are just against them," he says sadly.

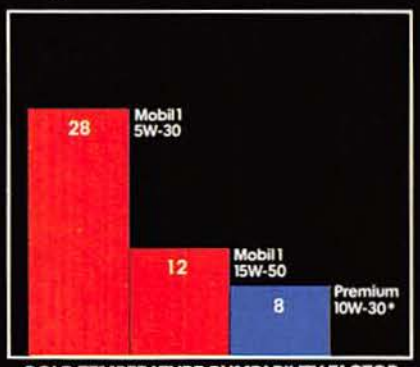
Chances of graduation for those who play for Russell are excellent. Seven of the eight seniors on the 1985 championship team graduated. All of the 18 seniors on the 1986 title team have either graduated or are close to a degree in the fall quarter.

At 60, Russell sees no end to his coaching career.

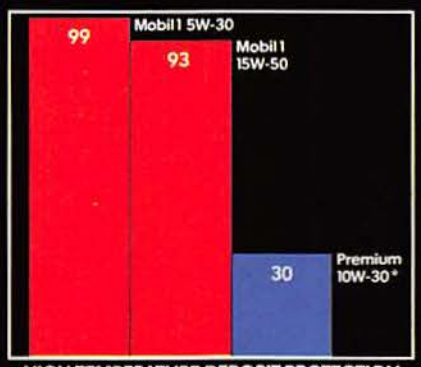
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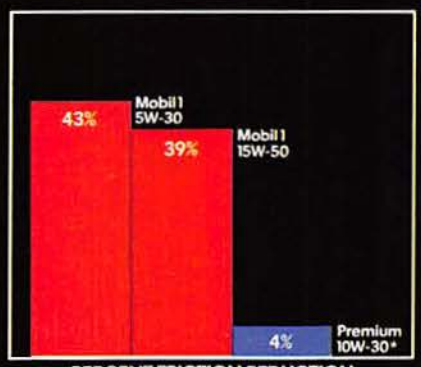
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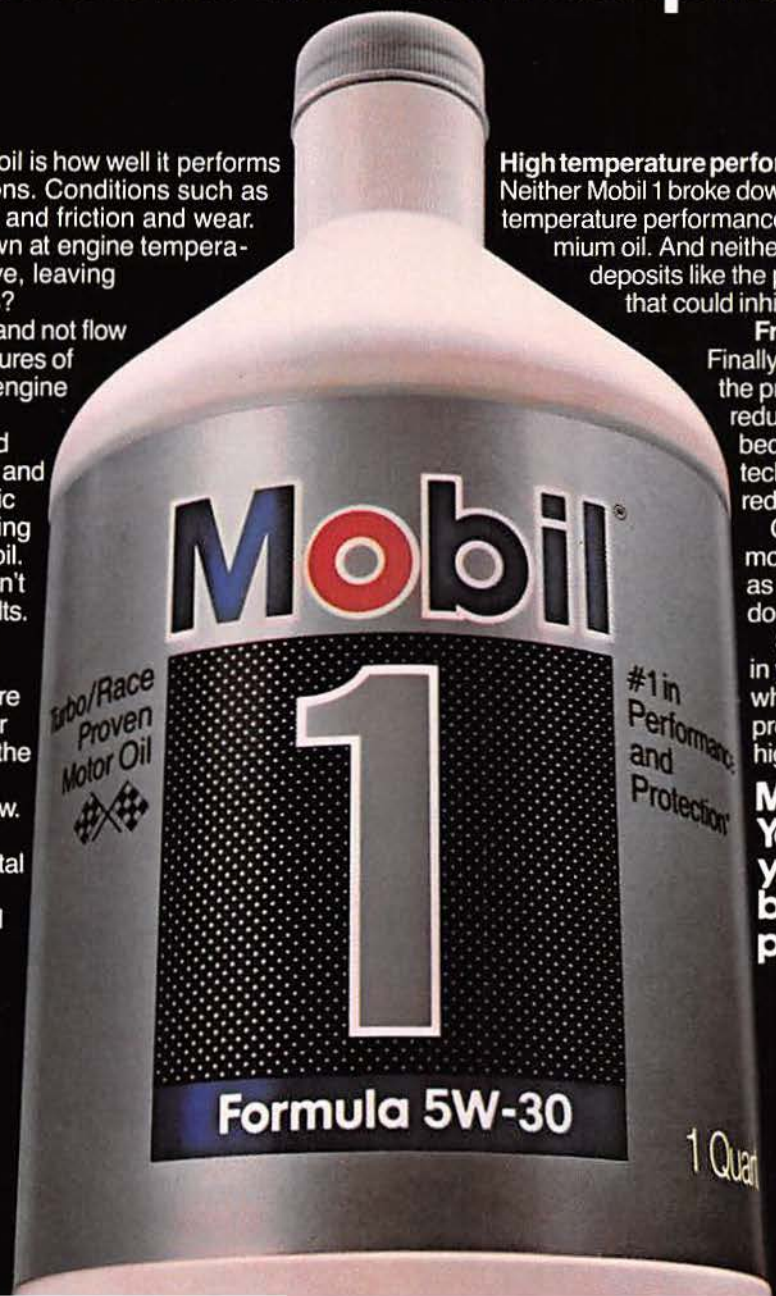
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defensive coordinator, the defense will be characterized by speed. "We've got some guys who can flat-out run," he says.

Head Coach Tom Osborne can say the same of the offense, which returns most of its skill players.

All of the I-backs who suited up for Nebraska's 30-15 Sugar Bowl victory over LSU return. Senior Keith Jones, one of the fastest players in Nebraska history (4.33 in the 40), led the Big Eight in rushing. He carried 161 times for 830 yards and 14 touchdowns and was second in the conference in scoring. Junior Tyreese Knox rushed for 419 yards.

Leodis Flowers and George Achola, a pair of highly regarded freshman running backs, are expected to get a good look at I-back.

Junior Steve Taylor returns as starting quarterback. He rushed for 537 yards and nine touchdowns, and completed 52 of 124 passes for 808 yards and six touchdowns in the option attack last season.

Taylor will be backed up by senior Clete Blakeman. Freshman Mickey Joseph probably will begin the fall at No. 3.

If starter Sheppard can't come back from a knee injury suffered in the Sugar Bowl, Nebraska's top wingbacks figure to be Brinson, senior Hendley Hawkins and Richard Bell, a redshirt sophomore.

Senior Micah Heibel is the most experienced fullback. He rushed for 302 yards and two touchdowns.

With split end Smith and tight ends Todd Millikan (6-3, 230), a junior starter, and senior Tom Banderas (6-3, 240) returning, Cornhusker receivers look solid. Millikan, second-team All-Big Eight, caught 11 passes for 230 yards and four touchdowns. Banderas missed five games due to injuries but still managed to catch six passes for 70 yards and two touchdowns.

Only two starters return in the offensive line: seniors John McCormick and Keven Lightner. McCormick (6-1, 265) is a rare third-year starter. Lightner is one of the best athletes on the team, even though he's 6-2 and 285.

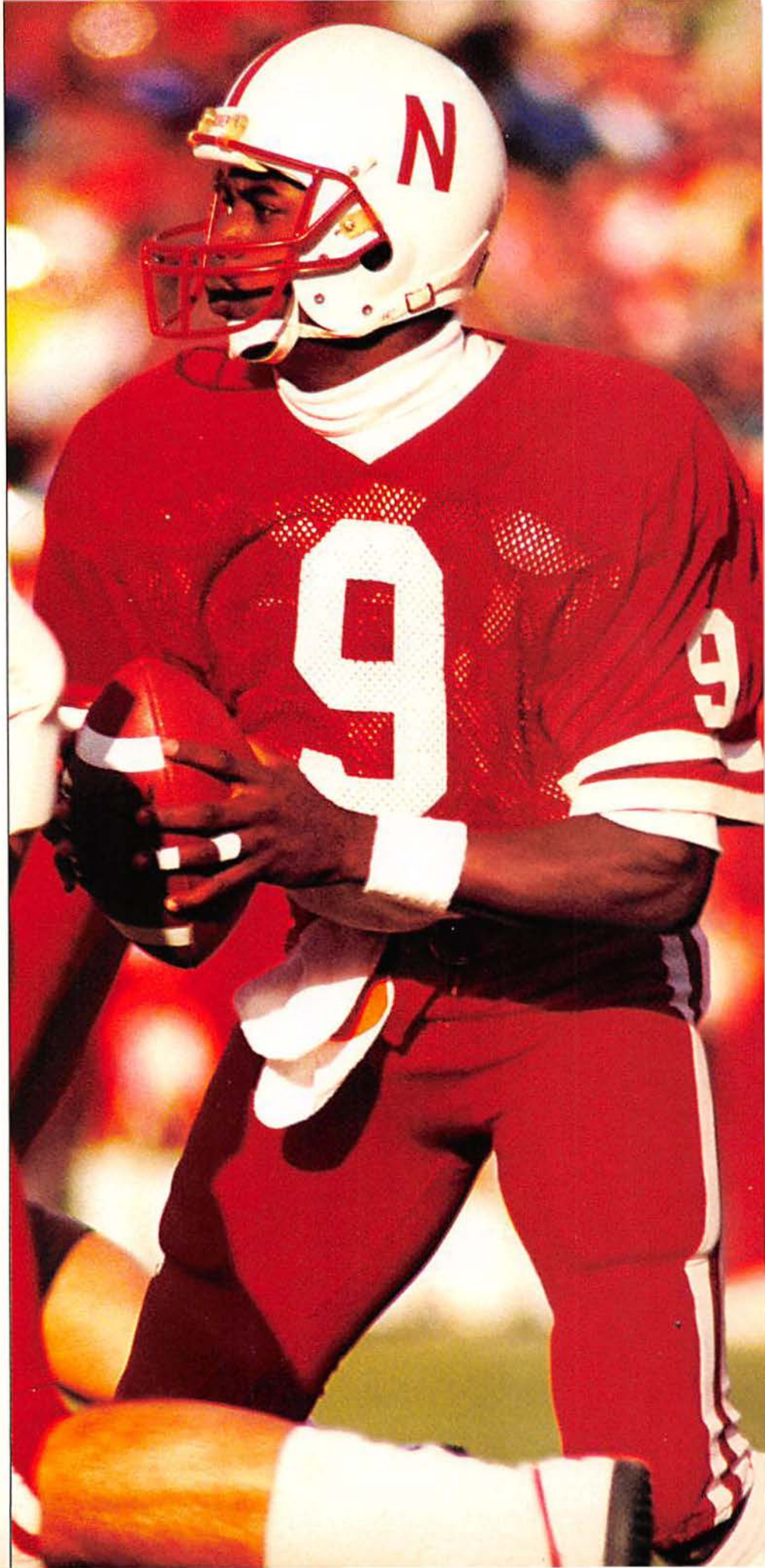
The other starting tackle probably will be junior Bob Sledge, a 6-2, 265-pound transfer.

Competition at guard should be spirited, with junior Andy Keeler (6-3, 265), junior John Nelson (6-0, 275) and sophomore Jake Young (6-5, 240) among the possible starters.

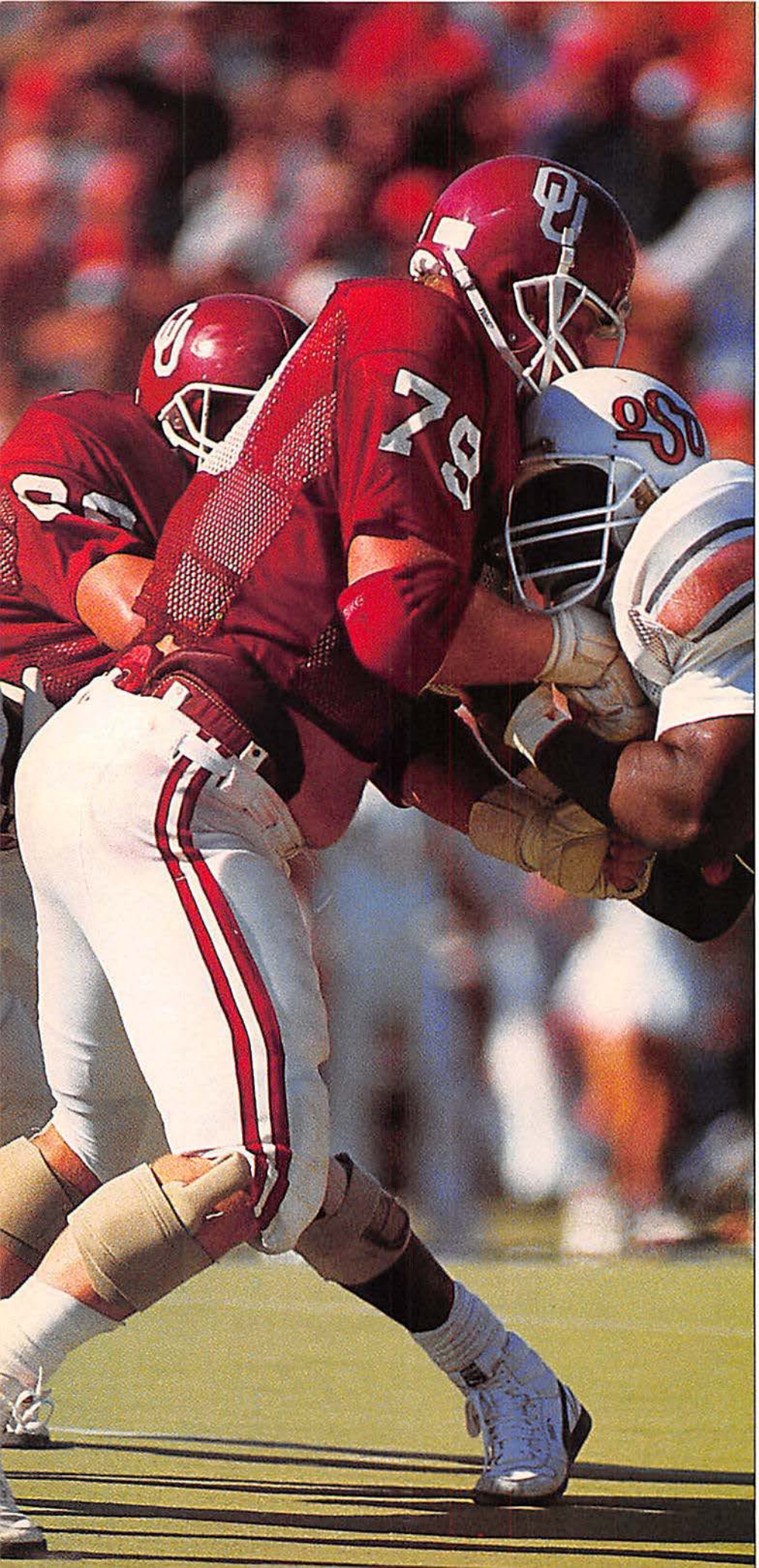
Young spent time at center in the spring and could wind up at that position, although he suffered a broken leg in the spring. Other center candidates include senior John Nichols (6-2, 265), junior Jeff Anderson (6-3, 240) and redshirt sophomore Chris O'Gara (6-5, 240).

Nebraska ranked second in the nation in rushing offense and third in scoring offense, despite a rash of injuries to key players. If the Cornhuskers can remain reasonably healthy this fall, they should be at least as productive. And if their defense plays as expected, they should contend for the Big Eight title.

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Steve Taylor mixes up the Cornhusker attack with his ability to execute the option.



Guard Mark Hutson leads a blocking corps that is more than a match for any team.

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(29 tackles) started some games last season.

The tackle jobs are open. Senior Darren Kilpatrick (6-4, 260) and sophomore David Shoemaker (6-5, 265) were backups a year ago. They are being challenged by Curtice Williams (6-3, 265), a junior who split time at nose guard with Dante Williams last year, and redshirt freshman Scott Evans (6-3, 230).

The Sooners are expected to be overwhelming again on offense. Eight starters return from a team that led the nation in rushing with an average of 404.7 yards per game and in scoring with 42.4 points.

Returnees are tight end Keith Jackson (6-3, 242), tackles Jon Phillips (6-4, 275) and Greg Johnson (6-4, 295), guard Mark Hutson (6-4, 280), halfback Patrick Collins and fullback Lydell Carr, all seniors; and two juniors, quarterback Jamelle Holieway and guard Anthony Phillips (6-3, 280).

Jackson, Hutson and Phillips were All-Americans. Holieway was all-conference for the second straight season.

Holieway is considered the best option quarterback in the nation. He was the Sooners' top rusher with 811 yards and missed leading the Big Eight by 19 yards. He led the conference in passing efficiency for the second straight year, completing 48 percent of his passes for 541 yards, and four touchdowns. He ran for eight touchdowns.

Jackson was an All-American despite playing for a wishbone team. He caught 14 passes for 403 yards and five touchdowns, and rushed six times for 124 yards and three touchdowns. He was recognized mainly because of his big plays in crucial games.

Carr, who led the Sooners in rushing as a freshman, finished behind Holieway for the second consecutive season. Though often overlooked, he is vital to Oklahoma's quarterback/fullback-oriented attack. He rushed for 562 yards, bringing his career total to 1,922. He's expected to share the demanding fullback duties again with junior Leon Perry.

Junior Anthony Stafford is due to start at halfback. He could be challenged by Eric Mitchel, who will move from quarterback to try his hand at halfback or split end. Mitchel, a junior, averaged 6.1 yards and scored seven touchdowns on only 69 carries.

Junior Bob Latham (6-5, 265) played regularly as the No. 2 center and has stepped into the starting spot.

Junior Carl Cabbiness and freshman Arty Guess are battling for the starting split end role. However, Oklahoma uses two players at this position to relay offensive plays.

Junior Todd Thomsen, who kicked off and shared punting duties with graduated Mike Winchester, may also kick field goals.

The outlook could hardly be more favorable as Oklahoma bids for a second national championship in three years and a fourth successive Big Eight title.

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Jamelle Holieway's sleight-of-hand magic often leaves opponents pursuing solutions futilely.


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OKLAHOMA STATE

Some freshmen dream of being called on to replace the starting quarterback. Few get the chance. Even those who do seldom succeed. But Mike Gundy did.

It didn't happen in Hollywood but in Stillwater, Okla.

The decision to throw caution to the wind and give an untried freshman a chance played a significant role in his team's comeback in the last half of the 1986 season.

That finish allowed Oklahoma State to post a 6-5 record. It was the Cowboys' fourth straight winning campaign.

With Oklahoma State trailing 21-13 against Houston and facing its second loss in the first three games, Coach Pat Jones made his most important decision of the year. He sent Gundy into the game.

"I was sitting there calmly and all of a sudden I heard Coach Jones yelling my name," Gundy recalls. "He said, 'Get your stuff on.' "

The move was not an immediate success. The Cowboys lost the game, and they lost two (Oklahoma and Nebraska) of their next three games before a strong finish. They won five of their last eight games.

The mold for the future was set.

"We should be better this year with more experience, even if we are still young," says Jones. "When this bunch comes into its own—I don't know if that will be this season or next, probably in the junior year (1988) of Gundy's class—I think we'll have the strongest team since I've been here. I mean, better than the 1984 team."

That year Oklahoma State posted a 10-2 record, won in the Gator Bowl and was ranked seventh in the nation in the final Associated Press poll.

The Cowboys struggled on offense early last season. By halftime of the third game, Jones had had enough.

At the time, Gundy was the third-team quarterback. The 5-11, 180-pounder had never played in a college game.

"I was sitting there calmly and all of a sudden I heard Coach Jones yelling my name," Gundy recalls. "He said, 'Get your stuff on.' "

"We were sputtering around," Jones says. "I decided to go ahead and do it. None of us had any idea what Mike Gundy could do. I needed to find out what he was made of. I was aware he'd been a winner wherever he played."

Actually, Gundy wasn't unprepared, only surprised.

"Mike told me Thursday before the Houston game that Coach Jones had asked him in practice if he'd be ready to play," says Joey Witcher, Gundy's best friend who played on Midwest City's 1985 Oklahoma state high school championship team with him and walked on at Oklahoma State after Gundy signed.

"Mike told him yes, but he didn't give it serious thought. He didn't have any idea of playing against Houston or anytime last season.

"But it's been a dream of his. It's really his third dream. The first was to be a quarterback at Midwest City. The second was to win the state championship. He accomplished both of those. His third was to be a starting quarterback in college.

"Mike told me he had been going over it in his mind. He always prepares himself mentally for these kinds of things. He makes the most of opportunities."

Jones says he made the decision to end what was expected to be Gundy's redshirt year solely on his own.

"I had mentioned to my assistants earlier what I might do," he says. "I'm not sure any of them believed me. But this was one of those decisions that was not open to discussion. I'm the head coach and I do what I want to do. If it feels good, do it."

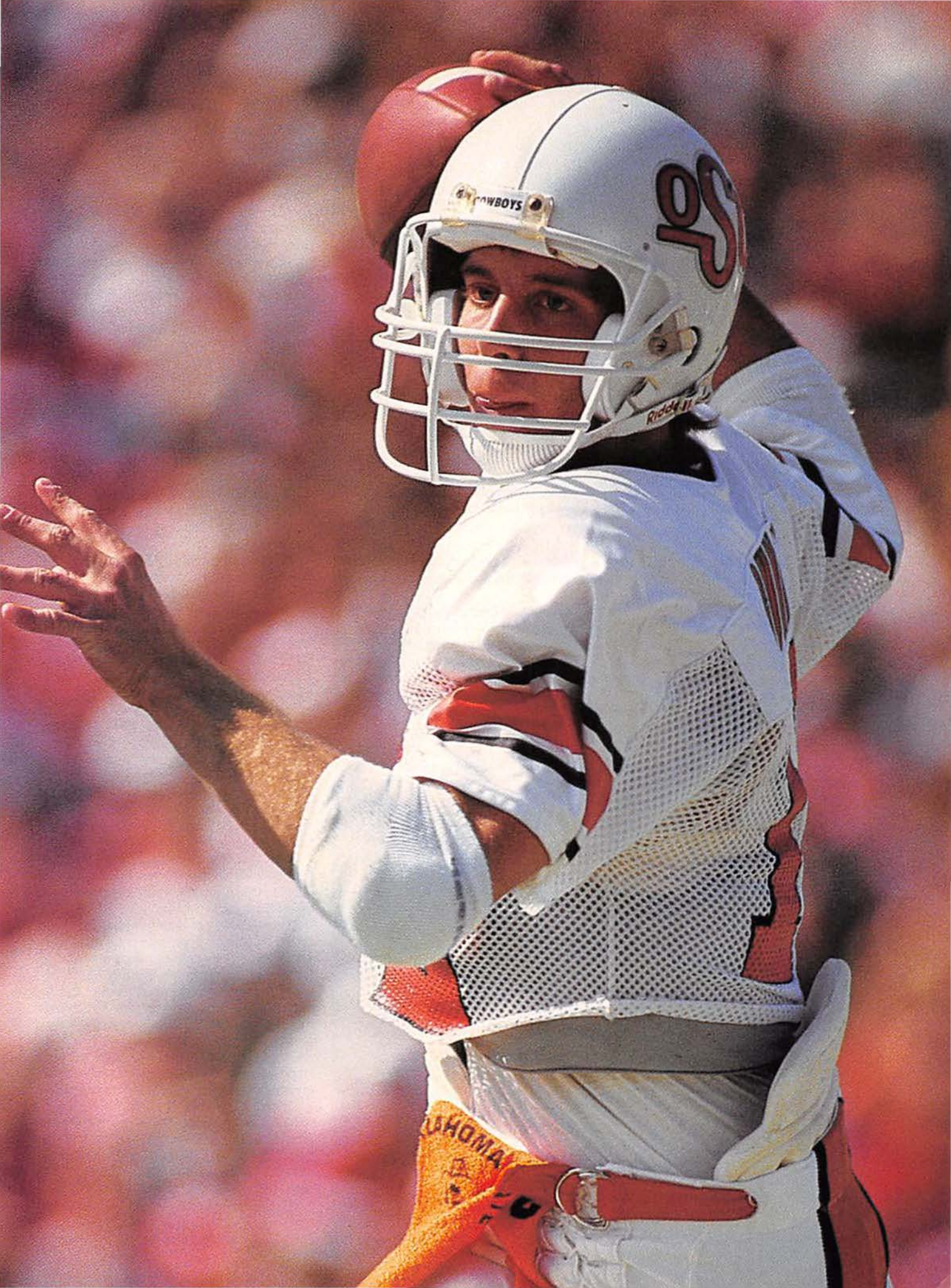
"I was stunned," Gundy admits. "I could hardly believe Coach Jones meant it when he said I would start the second half."

Jones was worried about a cheek pad and Gundy was concerned about having rib pads.

"He had had surgery for a cauliflower ear, and he hadn't worn a cheek pad in practice that week," Jones explains. "I checked to see if he had one as we were

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Mike Gundy was fired up when called on, as a freshman last season, to quarterback the Cowboys.


COWBOYS



Tackle David Bailey won his share of these jousts, having 11 tackles for losses in '86.

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going in the locker room at halftime. He didn't so I told him to get one and be ready to play."

Gundy also put on rib pads, just in case he did get to play.

"I even forgot the game was on national TV," he says. "It was pretty strange. Some of the Houston players were yelling my name. I wondered how they knew who I was." Of course, his name was on the back of his jersey.

Gundy's first college game was not sensational. He completed 12 of 22 passes for 163 yards and one touchdown. But it was enough to keep him in the lineup as Jones' decision paid off.

Gundy ranked third in the Big Eight Conference and 48th in the nation in passing. He completed 52 percent of his attempts for 1,525 yards and eight touchdowns. He would have ranked higher, but he yielded four of his five interceptions in the final game. Even so, Oklahoma State beat Missouri to finish with three straight wins.

Hart Lee Dykes had clutch catches and big numbers, which he hopes to better.



"That was good for him, those interceptions," says Jones. "They'll remind him how much he needs to improve."

Jones knew a year ago he had an outstanding prospect. As a high school senior, Gundy completed 157 of 289 passes for 2,392 yards and 10 touchdowns. He selected Oklahoma State over Oklahoma because he thought he would have a better opportunity to pass and to play sooner. He was correct on both counts.

Like all coaches, Jones is thorough and on the phone a lot.

"I called Ray and asked him how much Mike thought he knew about our system," he says, referring to Ray Gundy, Mike's father, who had attended Oklahoma State on a football scholarship. "He told me Mike thought he knew everything. But, then again, he said Mike always thinks he knows everything.

"He's got a lot of gym rat in him. He enjoys competition. He's confident but I don't think he's cocky."

Jones also consulted with Boston College Coach Jack Bicknell, who had an outstanding freshman quarterback named Doug Flutie at one time.

"I couldn't remember if Flutie played as a true freshman or a redshirt freshman," Jones says. "I learned that he was involved in a situation like we had with Gundy.

"Bicknell told me the first thing he noticed when Flutie went into their lineup was that they started to make first downs with his scrambles and whatnot. I told him that's exactly what Mike did in that game against Houston.

"Jack said the main thing was not to overcoach him and that I should just let him play. That's pretty much what I did. He was under pressure, and I thought he handled himself pretty well."

Now more will be expected of Gundy and the Cowboys, who return nine offensive and seven defensive starters on a team that tied for fourth place in the Big Eight.

The Cowboys count on a productive final season from tailback Thurman Thomas, who was fourth in the nation in rushing in 1985 and an All-American that year.

Thomas was not as impressive as in the previous year after suffering a preseason injury and playing behind a less experienced line. He ranked fourth in the Big Eight with 741 yards rushing and four touchdowns. But he enters his senior campaign with 2,982 yards rushing. That's third in Oklahoma State history and 11th in the conference.

Other 1986 standouts were junior split end Hart Lee Dykes and second-team all-conference defensive end Jerry Deckard (6-2, 206), a senior.

Dykes, who needs to get the ball even more, according to Jones, led the Big Eight and was 14th in the nation in pass receiving. He had 60 catches (an Oklahoma State record) for 814 yards and seven touchdowns. He led probably

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End Jerry Deckard didn't hesitate to poke his nose into other people's business. →


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Thurman Thomas has his sights set on regaining the All-America status he knew as a sophomore.

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the league's best receiving corps with an average of 13.6 yards a reception.

The remaining '86 offensive starters are senior guard Doug Meacham (6-3, 254), junior guard Chris Stanley (6-5, 258), junior tackle Byron Woodard (6-3, 292), senior tight end J.R. Dillard (6-4, 255), junior flanker Kevin Simien and junior fullback Garrett Limbrick.

Dillard had 18 catches for 190 yards and one touchdown, Simien 17 for 218 and backup tight end Brien Keith (6-3, 235) 16 receptions for 189 yards and one touchdown.

Junior Mike Wolfe (6-5, 255) was a starting guard before being injured. Leading candidates for the vacated offensive positions are junior tackle Jason Kidder (6-3, 272) and John Boisvert (6-2, 240) at center, a transfer from Northeastern (Okla.) A&M Junior College.

Oklahoma State also is blessed with an excellent group of redshirt freshmen linemen. Among them are Scott Webb (6-5, 235), Stephen Tiesman (6-7, 250), Phillip Pryor (6-4, 270) and Mike Martin (6-4, 260).

On defense, regulars from last year include end Ricky Shaw (6-4, 222, senior), tackle David Bailey (6-4, 220, junior), nose guard Marcus Jones (6-2, 254, junior), alternating linebackers Chris Pegram (6-1, 215, sophomore) and Kenneth Cumby (5-11, 210, senior) on one side and Sim Drain III (6-2, 210, sophomore) and Robert Nunn (6-3, 227, senior) on the other, and cornerback Melvin Gilliam (6-2, 168, junior).

Redshirt freshman Vance Vice (6-5, 240) ended the spring as the other tackle starter.

The Cowboys must find replacements at three defensive back positions. Leading candidates are Steve Hill and Steve Jones, transfers from Northeastern A&M. Others are juniors Milton Cockrell, Rod Smith and Donnie Brown.

The defense has its standouts.

Deckard was second in the conference in interceptions with four. He plays in the secondary too, and returned two of his four interceptions for touchdowns, one on an 82-yard run against Illinois State. He was third in the conference in fumble recoveries with four and broke up three passes.

Three transfers from SMU should help. They are guard-center Chris Morris (6-6, 275) and tackle Del Montgomery (6-3, 270), both juniors, and sophomore defensive tackle Ken Grant (6-7, 250).

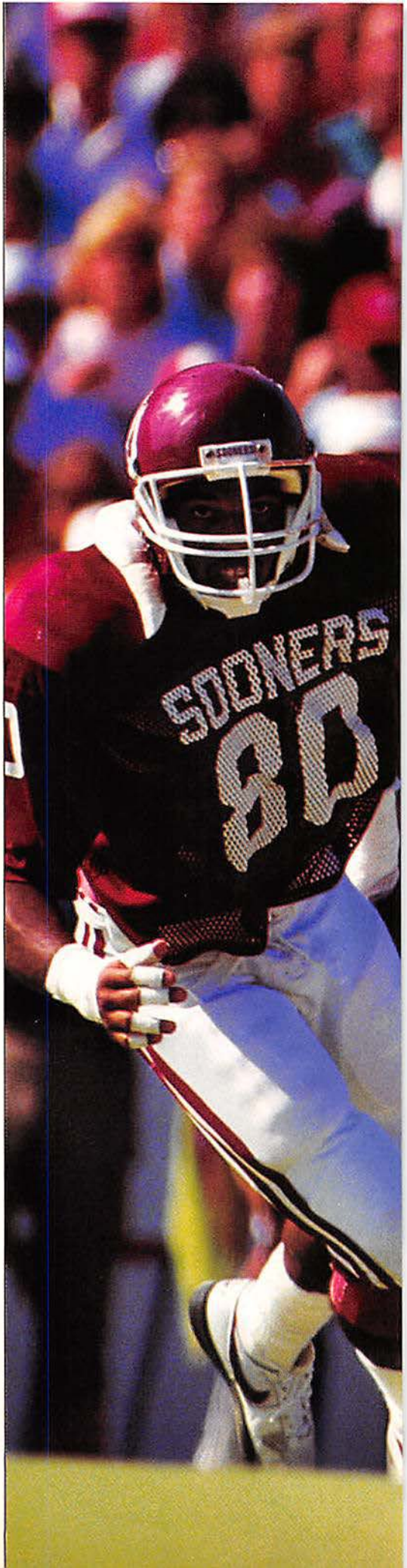
Oklahoma State also returns its kickers. Junior Joey O'Donnell was perfect on 11 conversion kicks and made good on half of his six field-goal attempts. Senior Cary Cooper had a 39.8-yard punting average.

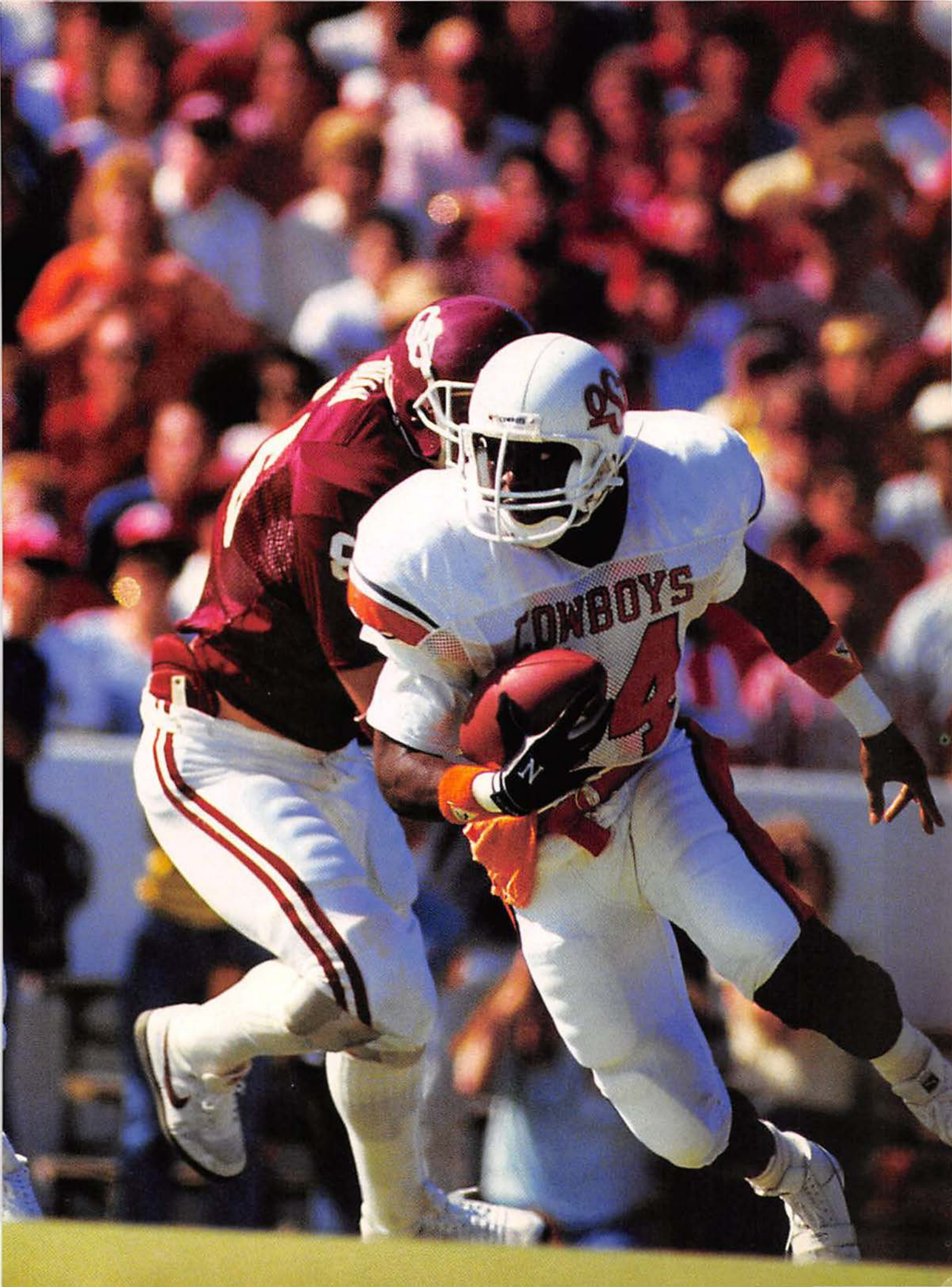
Gundy thinks he's a better passer than runner but not by much. "Maybe 60-40," he says.

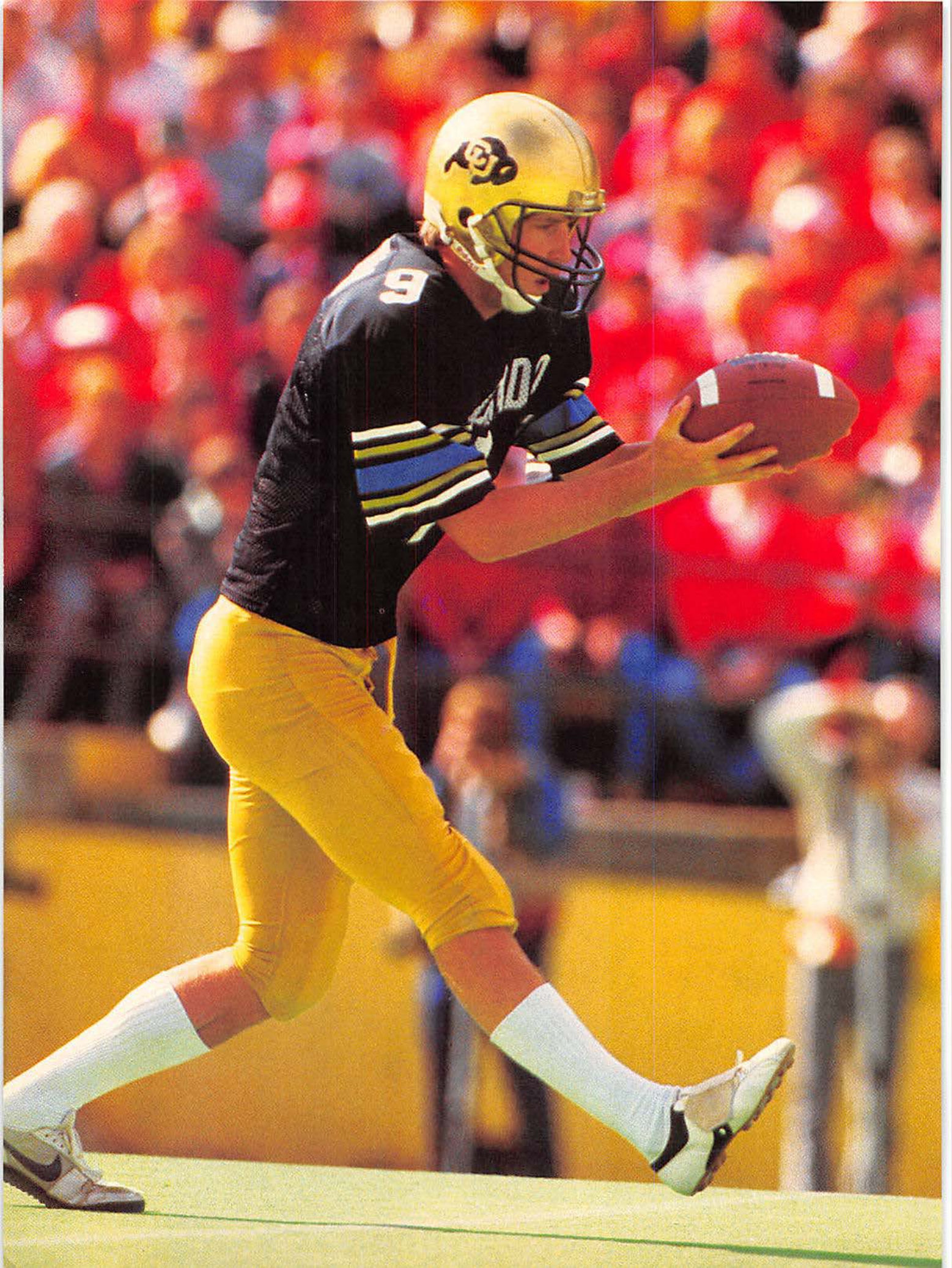
The facts say differently. He passed for 1,525 yards and rushed for minus 102 yards.

But Gundy was only a freshman, acting out a dream, a year ago.

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← *All-American Barry Helton kicks in with a significant boost: 45.6-yard average in '86.*

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McCarty (6-1, 225), who moved to the defense from fullback a year ago; senior Jim Quackenbush (6-0, 225); and sophomore Okland Salavea (6-6, 235), who sat out last season because he didn't qualify under the NCAA's Proposal 48. McCarty was the fourth-leading tackler on the team, winding up with 88.

Returning senior starters in the secondary include strong safety Mickey Pruitt, who had 106 tackles and 13 pass deflections, free safety Rodney Rogers and cornerback David Tate. Senior John Nairn, a backup to Rogers a year ago, has moved to the other cornerback.

Pruitt and Koch were All-Big Eight as was punter Barry Helton, who ranked fourth in the nation, averaging 45.6 yards on 57 punts.

The Buffaloes also have eight starters returning on offense, though at least one, senior quarterback Mark Hatcher, will be pushed by sophomore Sal Aunese, another Proposal 48 case who was heavily recruited out of high school in Oceanside, Calif.

Hatcher rushed for 552 yards and passed for 493 yards last season.

Colorado's leading rusher was O. C. Oliver, who set a school record for a freshman, gaining 668 yards and scoring eight touchdowns, six on the ground.

Senior fullback Anthony Weatherspoon gained 581 yards and rushed for four touchdowns. He and Oliver will be joined either by senior Michael Marquez or highly touted sophomore J.J. Flannigan, the third Buffalo who had to sit out last season because of Proposal 48.

Colorado's top three split ends return, headed by senior Drew Ferrando, who caught six passes for 75 yards. Senior Lance Carl, Ferrando's backup, was the team's leading receiver, catching nine passes for 171 yards and two touchdowns. Senior Troy Wolf (6-4, 220) figures to be the No. 1 tight end.

The offensive line will be bolstered by senior guard Chris Symington (6-2, 270), who was suspended by McCartney last season.

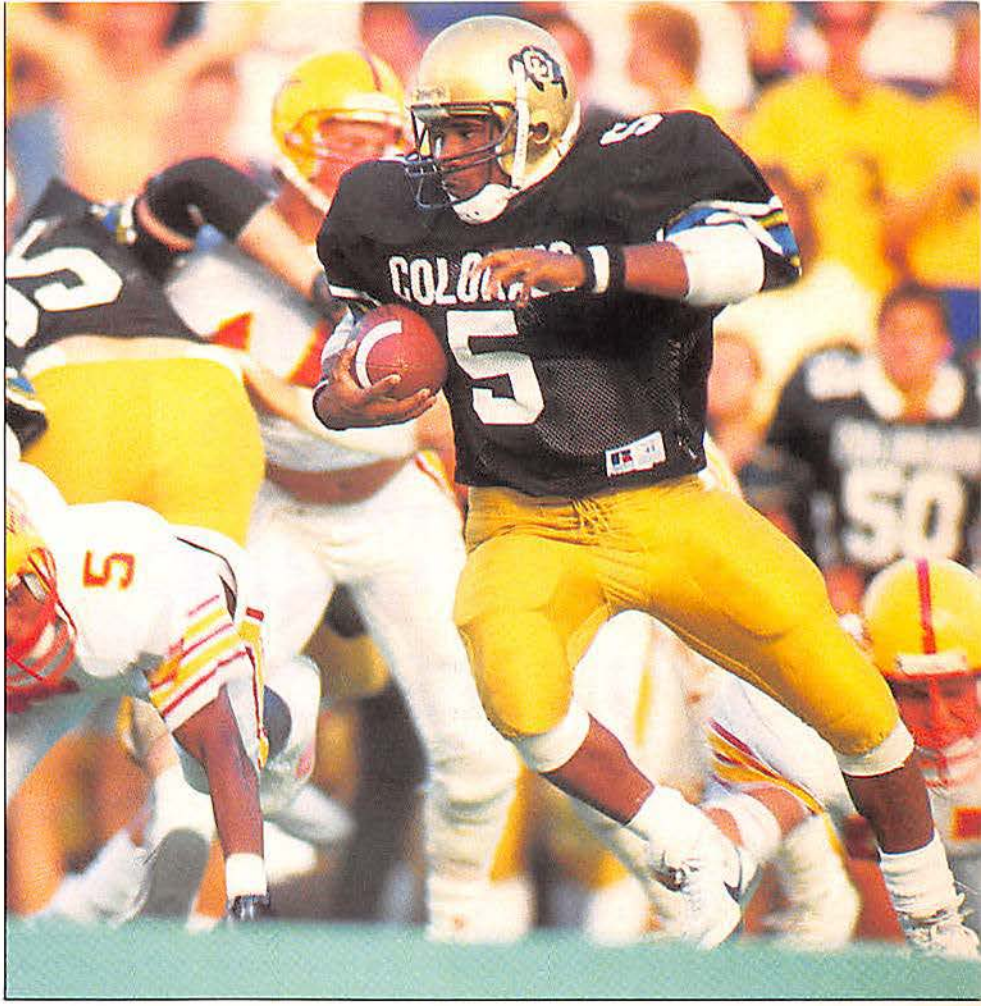
Sophomore Darrin Muilenburg (6-4, 265) figures to be the other starting guard, with sophomore Scott Faulkner (6-4, 230) moving up to first-team center. Senior tackles Pat Ryan (6-3, 260) and Joe McCreary (6-4, 260) were starters a year ago.

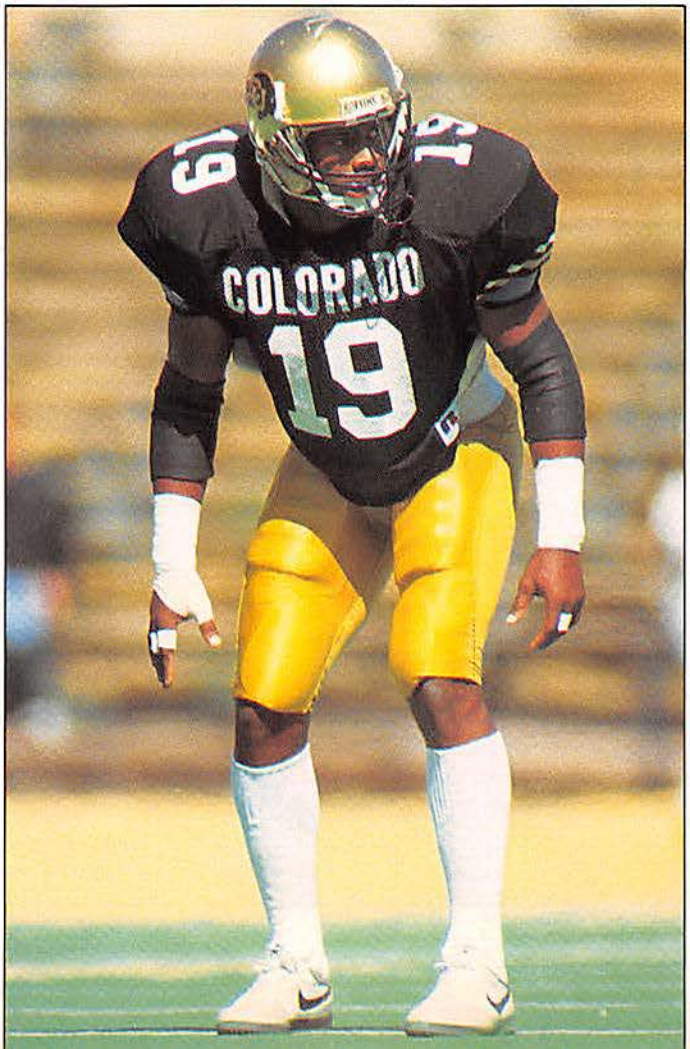
The Buffaloes' kicking game returns intact, with seniors Helton and placekicker Dave DeLine, the team's leading scorer. DeLine made 28 of 29 extra-point tries and eight of 17 field-goal attempts. His longest was 57 yards.

Colorado, 6-6 last year, lost its first four games before settling down to win five straight and finish second in the Big Eight, ahead of Nebraska. The Buffaloes defeated Nebraska for the first time since 1967, shocking the Cornhuskers 20-10 in Boulder.

Koch says, "That game proved we could play with the better schools. We've got a lot of uncompleted business."

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Primarily a running back, O. C. Oliver (above) surprised Nebraska with a 52-yard scoring pass last October. Strong safety Mickey Pruitt (left) was a pain in the neck to opponents: 106 tackles, 13 pass deflections.

Life Still The Same In Big Eight: Sooners Best



by Jerry McCoin
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Same old thing at Oklahoma, year after year: win, win some more, keep on winning.

The Sooners take the Big Eight championship with monotonous regularity, then go to the Orange Bowl and usually win there, too.

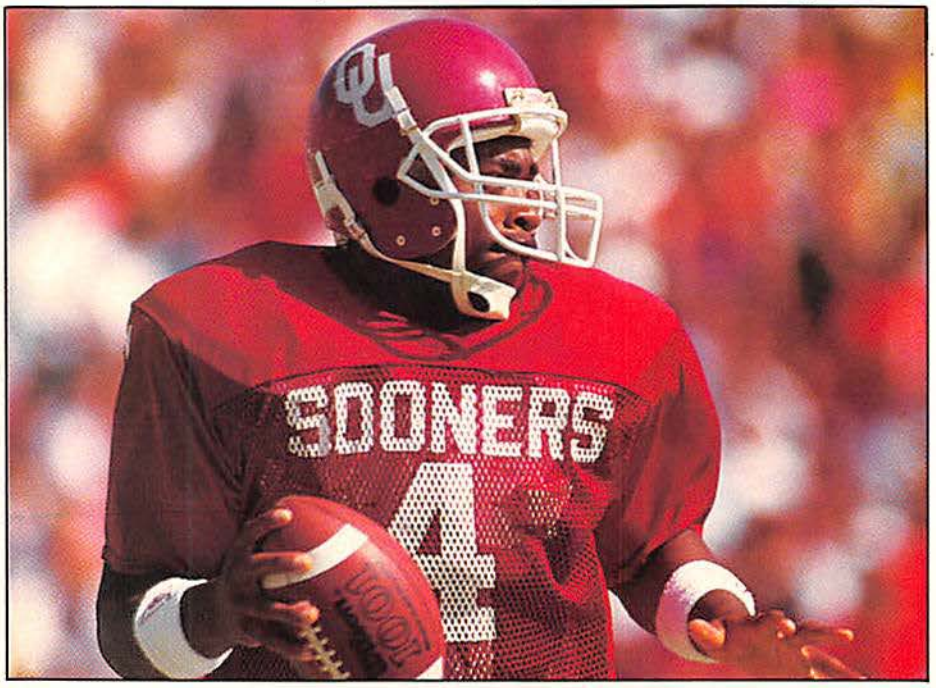
Somehow, the sameness never gets boring. You'll never hear Coach Barry Switzer complain about too much of a good thing.

Switzer has been on the job at Oklahoma since 1973, always with the same goals: win the Big Eight, shoot for the national championship (the Sooners won in 1974, 1975 and 1985), go to Miami on Jan. 1, then start all over and try to repeat.

Switzer has brought his team to the Orange Bowl as Big Eight champion eight times. He'll try for nine this season. Most likely he'll make it.

This Oklahoma team is a lot like the others: strong physically and mentally, swift, aggressive, ambitious. There may be a little more firepower on offense. Three All-America types play on the experienced line: Keith Jackson at tight end and Mark Hutson and Anthony Phillips at the guards.

The Sooners have the quintessential wishbone quarterback in Jamelle Holieway.



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Jamelle Holieway, perhaps the best-ever wishbone quarterback, directs a quick-striking, manhandling attack. Lydell Carr is the big, hard-hitting fullback.

Linebacker Dante Jones, end Darrell Reed and safeties David Vickers and Ricky Dixon are defensive anchors. They hold everything in place. The same place: first place.

Nebraska won't be just standing around watching while this is going on. Tom Osborne's Cornhuskers have identical goals. *Athlon's* prediction is that Nebraska will finish second.

This is the 15th year for both Osborne and Switzer at their schools. Their teams have won the same number of games: 137. Head to head, Switzer leads, 11 to four. They played twice one season, Nebraska winning in November and losing in the Orange Bowl.

Nebraska is particularly formidable on the

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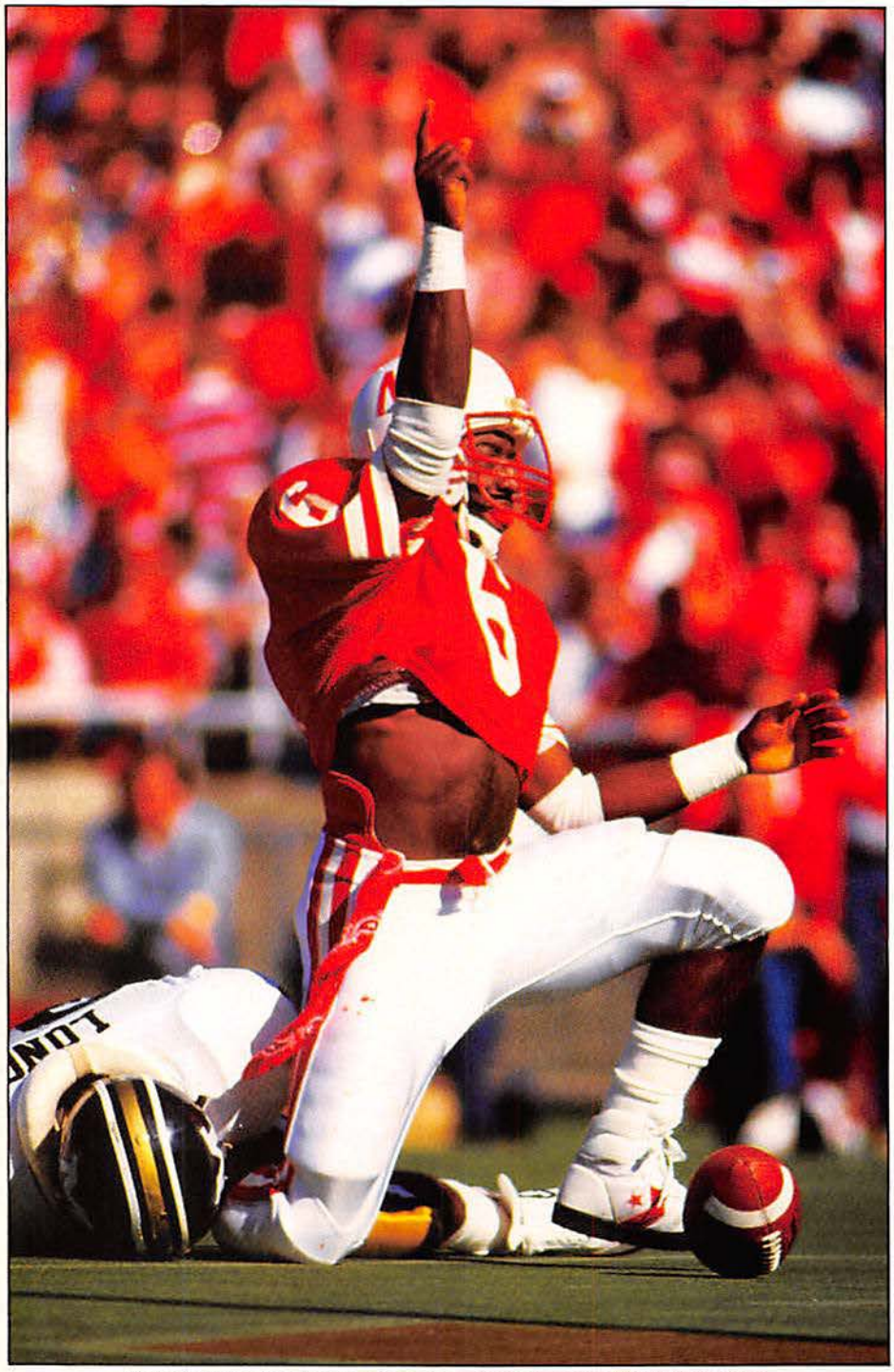


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It's Not How Far Ahead You Are, It's How Many More You Score



In modern football, high-scoring games are frequent despite finger-pointing.

by Bill McGrotha

What we have here is a game that two years running now has blown its own scoring records off the boards; a game in which a 31-point halftime lead is not enough; a game that sees a team, three touchdowns down in the last three and a half minutes, win 46-45.

"To tell you the truth, I don't know if there is such a thing as a safe lead anymore," says Florida Coach Galen Hall.

On Miami's home field in 1984, Maryland won 42-40 after trailing 31-0. In the Holiday Bowl of 1980, Brigham Young, behind 45-25, scored 21 points in less than four minutes and won 46-45.

"Passing, obviously, has made a great difference," says LaVell Edwards, whose Brigham Young teams have perhaps best translated that difference into a high-scoring advantage.

"Coaches are studying the throwing game more, spending far more practice time on it," says Hall. "You've got to be able to throw to stay in the game."

Last year the 105 teams in college football's Division I-A averaged a record 45.4 points per game for both teams. Out the window went the 44.7 standard set in 1985.

The root of all this goes back far more than two years ago, however. Runaway scores are grounded in a rules change of over 20 years ago, and considerably more than refined passing is reflected in the sum of reasons for the trend.

Teams like Oklahoma and Nebraska run for their high numbers. Others mix running and passing much better than they once did.

Edwards points to a change in the blocking rules that makes it easier to protect the passer.

"The change did not have any effect on teams like us that spend a lot of time on pass protection anyhow," says Edwards. "It had a bigger impact on teams that run.

"The techniques of run and pass blocking are so different. There was a time when to be proficient at either, you had to spend the bulk of your practice time on one or the other. But the rules change allowing players to use their open hands makes it easier for the running team to pass-block. Now that running team can have more of a dropback passing game."

Greater field-goal proficiency (widening the goal posts helped) also has steadily nudged scoring higher.

Consider that in 1958 a total of 103 field goals was kicked in college play, and that two seasons ago there were 1,279.

"Everything is more wide open now on offense than in the past," says Jimmy Johnson, whose Miami team has challenged for the national championship two straight years. "The varied offenses—that's the big thing. Here in Miami, we are recognized as a throwing team, but still we run often and effectively."

The range of varied offenses—wishbone, I-formation, wing T, dropback passing and run-option passing—magnifies defensive problems, leading to more scoring.

"It is not like the pro game, where you defense one style of offense," says Johnson.

He suggests that playing a wishbone team one week and a pro-type offense the next reduces the opportunity for any defense to become as efficient as it might.

"The chances are much greater these days for a high-scoring game on either side of the ball," he says.

"If you are throwing well, it can be on your side. And if you're not throwing well, the opponent—with interceptions and all—may have the high-scoring game."

Johnson gears his chance-taking Miami defense for greater scoring opportunity.

"With a pressure style of defense like we play, I think you are able to force more turnovers," he says. "Statistics prove your chances of scoring after a turnover are nearly double due to the psychological lift, as opposed to the letdown."

But all of these thoughts on increased scoring are dwarfed by one fact, in the opinion of David Nelson, former Delaware coach and longtime (since 1961) secretary/editor of the NCAA Football Rules Committee.

"Actually, all of this started back in 1965," he says. "That was the year the free substitution rule went in."

Free substitution was introduced as long ago as 1941, but in World War II coaches were more concerned with finding enough talent to form a team than exploiting the new rule. They began to use offensive and defensive units, and specialists after the war until 1953, when "platoonery" was thrown out. It returned in 1964. In that year unlimited substitution was permitted when the clock stopped. And in 1965 the game openly embraced two-platoon football.

A flow of figures over 50 years bears out Nelson.

In 1937, teams combined for an average of only 20.2 points per game. In 1964, the average was 30.1. Then came the big rules change, permitting unlimited substitution. Promptly, the average figure jumped to 33.3 in 1965.

In the fourth season of change, 1968, the averaged topped 40 for the first time. It has since stayed above 40 with the exception of 1979, when the figure was 39.9.

"No question in my mind, the free-substitution move in 1965 was the most significant rule change since they put in the forward pass back in 1906," says Nelson.

The proliferation of points has raised the incidence of blowouts and instances when coaches are accused of running up the score.

Bobby Bowden, whose Florida State teams rank among the top scorers of the last 10 years, agrees with Hall. "With the high-scoring offenses of today, a team is never safe," he says. "Once when I coached West Virginia, we led Pitt 35-8 at the half. We tried to sit on the ball and we lost that game 36-35."

There have been times when Bowden has not felt comfortable after blowout victories.

"You have a plan for everything, but most of us don't really have a plan for the time when we are way ahead," he says. "It never even comes to my mind that the score is being run up until the game is over. Sometimes you might scratch your head later and say, 'What have we done?' Still, my theory, and that of other coaches, I think, is to substitute when you feel safe. But you want those subs to play as well as they can. After all the practice and hard work they put in, you don't tell them not to try hard, not to score.



Bobby Bowden can't tell subs not to score.

"If people run up a score on me—well, I don't think anyone has ever heard me complain about it."

Edwards echoes Bowden's thoughts.

"I think a lot of times people are accused of running up the score when they are not," he says. "Running up a score, to me, is when you call a timeout with only seconds left and the game well in hand, and try to score again."

One year after Johnson's team lost that 31-0 lead to Maryland, the Miami coach was accused of running it up on Notre Dame 58-7 in a nationally televised game.

"You let your players play, and you want them to play to the fullest, regardless of the score on either side," says Johnson. "I don't ever want to see a player give half an effort. A game is 60 minutes long, and that is the way we like to play. I've had plenty of lopsided scores the other way, lining up against Oklahoma and Nebraska when I coached at Oklahoma State.

"The only responsibility a coach has in these situations is to make sure his second- and third-teamers play. Our last couple of touchdowns against Notre Dame that year were scored by guys not even on our travel squad."

Many years removed from the coaching arena, Nelson feels particularly strong about indictments for scoring.

"I may be a maverick about this, but I never believed there was such a thing as running up a score," he says. "Not with the ability these days to play so many people. You go to jail for asking people to shave points. But they're talking about holding down football scores.

"I always told my players that the score was their problem, not the other team's. Those players come back two to three weeks before other students to start practicing football. A lot of them, with all the practice time they put in, may get to play only two or three minutes. You just don't ask them not to score. Of course, if a coach keeps his top players in as the score mounts, he is foolish because of the risk of getting somebody hurt."

Many coaches, including Bowden and Johnson, feel defense contributes extensively to runaway games.

Statistics make the point, too. Oklahoma, for example, was the nation's highest-scoring team last season. The Sooners were also No. 1 in defense against scoring, as well as total defense. Miami was second in scoring and fourth in scoring defense, Auburn fourth in scoring and second in scoring defense, Nebraska third in scoring and seventh in scoring defense, Penn State 14th in scoring and third in scoring defense.

Dominant defense is lumped by Nelson with many reasons he considers somewhat peripheral: versatile offenses, turnover-producing tactics, more highly skilled athletes, greater field-goal efficiency, blocking-rule changes and sharper passing.

"You go right back to the free-substitution rule of 1965 for everything," Nelson says. "The field-goal thing, for instance. You not only bring in specialists to kick the ball, but specialists to hold, specialists to snap, even specialists to protect that kicker."

So the bottom line?

"It all began with that rule—that rule permitting you to play who you want, when you want and where you want."

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Big Eight Recruiting

by Mike Babcock

It couldn't have been much better.

Oklahoma got just about every recruit it wanted—except one.

They really wanted Mickey Joseph, a 5-10, 175-pound quarterback from Archbishop Shaw High School in Marrero, La. According to Scott Hill, Oklahoma's recruiting coordinator, Joseph is the best wishbone quarterback in America.

Oklahoma, of course, has had the best wishbone quarterback in America for the last two years: Jamelle Holieway. The Sooner offense was ideally suited for Joseph, the No. 1 quarterback on *USA TODAY's* and *Parade* magazine's high school All-America teams.

Oklahoma and Joseph seemed the perfect match. At the 11th hour, however, Joseph reversed his field and opted for Nebraska and its I-formation, option attack.

The last time the Cornhuskers went head-to-head with Oklahoma for a highly regarded prep quarterback and won was in 1980, when they signed Turner Gill out of Fort Worth, Texas. Gill led Nebraska to three consecutive Big Eight championships.

"Mickey has received as much attention as any player we've ever recruited," Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said after Joseph signed his letter of intent with the Cornhuskers.

Nebraska's recruiting list originally included five quarterbacks, one of whom made an early verbal commitment. Keithen McCant (6-2, 180) of Grand Prairie, Texas, rated in *The Dallas Morning News* Area Top 30, was the only other quarterback Nebraska signed.

With McCant committed, Osborne says, "I told the other three that we were going after Mickey and that they were free to choose another school."

Notre Dame also was a finalist in the chase for Joseph, who led Archbishop Shaw to a 19-1 record the past two seasons. In his senior year, he rushed for 921 yards and 14 touchdowns, and passed for 1,087 yards and 12 touchdowns.

"He's a pure option guy who can throw," says Hank Tierney, his high school coach.

Holieway made a last-minute telephone pitch to Joseph. But Joseph had already decided to become a Cornhusker.

Nebraska's Sugar Bowl victory, the Cornhuskers' second over LSU in three years, contributed to Joseph's decision—or at least their visit to New Orleans did. "I saw them practice," says Joseph. "I saw them at the hotel and again at the Superdome."

Joseph has been timed at 4.5 at 40 yards. According to Tierney, he had seven touchdown runs of 60 yards or more last fall. "Mickey's in Steve Taylor's class," Tierney says. "He's a tremendous athlete. He's poised, he's a leader, he's the kind of kid Nebraska is going to be proud of."

Taylor, a junior, is Nebraska's returning starter at quarterback, with senior Clete Blakeman as his backup.

Joseph may be next in line.

Osborne, says Joseph, "promised me that I don't have to play on the scout squad, and I'm going to hold him to that. I saw them down at the Sugar Bowl, and those scout squad players get killed. I hope to work my way up. Coach Osborne told me I have a chance to play 40 percent of the time, and that's what I want to do."

When Joseph signed with Nebraska, Oklahoma was left without a quarterback recruit. But that's about the only thing missing.

With a strong effort in Texas, the Sooners put together a group of players ranked among the top five in the country.

The Texans were the key. "This is our best group from Texas since 1975, when we got 13 of the Top 30," Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer says. "Every player we got from Texas is a blue-chipper, and we had as good a year as we could hope for."

In 1975 the Sooners signed 20 recruits from Texas, among them Heisman Trophy winner Billy Sims, Outland Award winner Greg Roberts, and All-American George Cumby.

This year, Oklahoma landed four of the state's Top 30, according to *The Dallas Morning News*: Stacey Dillard (6-7, 275), a defensive lineman from Clarksville; Cedric Davenport (6-2, 185), a defensive back from Houston Sterling; Brian Brauninger (6-5, 230), an offensive lineman from Arlington; and Jerry Parks (5-9, 170), a defensive back from Fort Bend Willowridge.

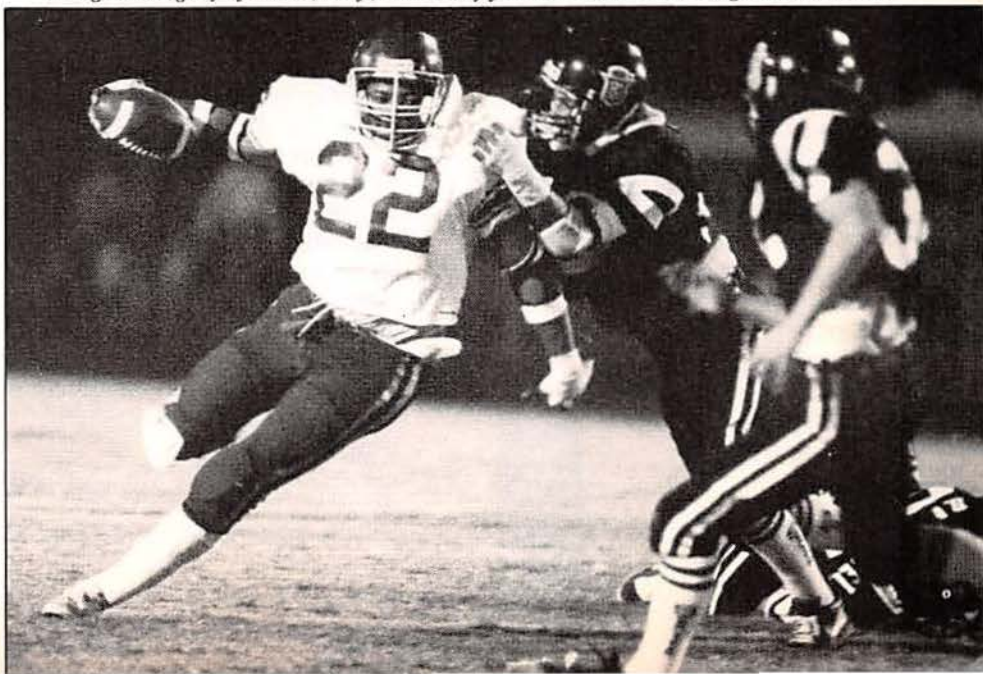
Dillard, who runs the 40 in 4.8, was a *USA TODAY* and *Parade* All-American. His senior year in high school, he was credited with 139 tackles, 51 of them unassisted.

The Sooners got several other linemen from Texas. Among them are Eric Fultz (6-4, 222) from North Mesquite, Marcus Lowe (6-2, 240) from Houston Northbrook, Nate Williams (6-3, 250) from Houston Washington and Mark Blodgett (6-3, 275) from Humble.

Blodgett made a verbal commitment to

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George Hemingway of Colton, Calif., broke away from Pac-10 recruiters to sign with Colorado.



TULSA

When the University of Tulsa football team needs a runner, Derrick Ellison is there.

When Tulsa lost its top three 1985 running backs, there was concern about the 1986 season. After all, the Hurricane was a running team. And what's a running team without runners?

Ellison solved the dilemma. He rushed for 1,064 yards, 19th in the nation.

Now Tulsa has a new coach, 38-year-old George Henshaw, who has installed a passing attack. Ellison figures he will fit into that plan, too.

"That's all right with me," says Ellison, a junior, who has never caught a pass in a game in college. "We had passes out of the backfield in high school. We're going to have a balanced attack with plenty of passing, but I'm confident we'll run a lot, too."

"I've seen a lot of players who started early and got burnt-out on football by the time they got to college. . . . I didn't want that to happen to my kids."

And that's Ellison's kind of game. Why shouldn't it be? His father is Willie Ellison, former star running back for Texas Southern, the Los Angeles Rams and Kansas City Chiefs, and 1971 Pro Bowl pick.

"We have a good relationship with my father," says Derrick. The "we" refers to him and his twin, Darrell, a 6-4, 230-pound linebacker who chose to finish at Tulsa after playing for Blinn Junior College the last two seasons. "My dad has kept himself in good shape. He runs three miles a day. And when we're home, we run with him. In fact, he's still got pretty good speed. We run 40s against him. I beat him, but it's pretty close."

Willie never pushed football on his sons, although they were around the game from an early age. They were born only a few months before Ellison became the Rams' first pick in the 1967 draft. And they were in the stadium in 1971 when Ellison had his most productive game as a pro, rushing for a team-record 247 yards against the New Orleans Saints. Ellison's record stood until 1985, when Eric Dickerson bettered it by one yard.

Derrick seemed to take to running with the football naturally. Even in the early neighborhood games, he always played in the backfield.

"I can't remember my father actually influencing me, but I guess unconsciously he did," Ellison says. "Running the ball is all I ever wanted to do."

But he had to wait longer than most other athletically inclined youths in Houston to find out what it was like to carry the ball in a real game. Willie wouldn't let his sons play youth football.

"I never understood that," Derrick says.

But his father had his reasons.

"I've seen a lot of players who started early and got burnt-out on football by the time they got to college," he says. "I didn't want that to happen to my kids."

But that didn't mean Willie discouraged interest in the game.

"I've been coaching them all their lives, mainly on conditioning," says Ellison, a teacher in the Houston public schools. "I ran every morning and they always ran with me. I tried to teach them that if you're in good condition, you can do anything."

When they entered the seventh grade, the twins were allowed to play football. When they got to Madison High, Darrell became a three-year starter at defensive tackle. He plays linebacker in college. Derrick played defensive back for two seasons before moving to offense his senior year and rushing for 952 yards. He received the King's Pick award as one of the top 10 backs in the Houston area.

"I never come between them and their coach," says Willie. "But I've given Derrick some tips on how to get more yardage, little things that I learned from experience."

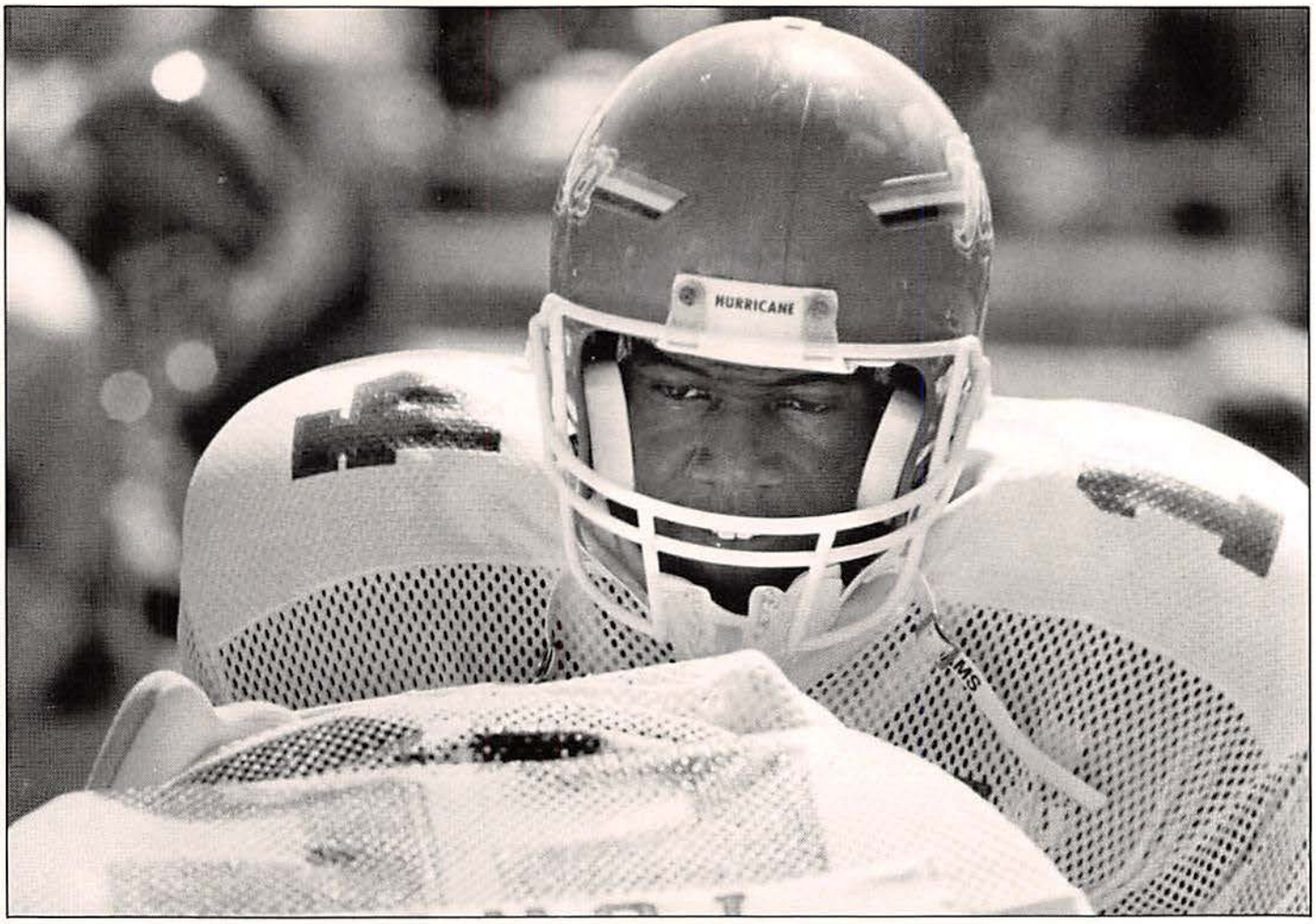
Says Derrick: "I went to Tulsa because I wanted to get away from home for a while. Also, I knew that they would be short on running backs, and I would get to play."

Ellison did more than just play some last year.

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Learning from his father, a former pro star, Derrick Ellison averaged 6.3 yards per carry for the Golden Hurricane in '86.





Marcus McVay returns to lead a pass-oriented offense under a new coach this season.

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In 1986 Ellison became only the fifth player in Tulsa history to top 1000 yards rushing in a season. He averaged 6.3 yards a carry and rushed for more than 100 yards in seven games, including a career-high 184 against Oklahoma State.

"Derrick doesn't waste a lot of time going east and west," says former Tulsa offensive coordinator Pat Simmers. "He just goes right at the defense and gets positive yardage."

If things go as planned, Tulsa will get much of its positive yardage from passing this season. When former Coach Don Morton was hired by Wisconsin in December, the Hurricane selected Henshaw, the offensive coordinator at Alabama, as his successor. Henshaw's major influence in coaching came from Bobby Bowden at Florida State.

"I am firmly committed to throwing the ball," says Henshaw. "Ideally, if we have the ball for 70 plays, I'd like 30 of them to be passes."

That will be a change for the Hurricane, who ranked third in the nation in rushing and posted a 7-4 record last season. Tulsa passed only 21 percent of the time in 1986, compared to Henshaw's projected 43.

Perhaps Tulsa will return to its glory days of the '60s, when it led the nation in passing for five straight seasons, 1962 through 1966.

Tulsa does not have a veteran quarterback among its seven returning offensive starters. Three-year regular Steve Gage, who passed for 1,090 yards last season, is gone. His backup, sophomore Marcus McVay, attempted only 31 passes but completed 61 percent.

"I'm proud of him. I hope the boy is better than I ever was."

Tulsa does return senior split end Ronnie Kelley, the Hurricane's second-leading receiver with 25 catches for 533 yards and five touchdowns. Kelley has gained 1,587 yards receiving in his career and has averaged an impressive 18.5 yards a catch.

The other returning starters on offense are sophomore halfback Kenneth Lee; seniors Doug Olienyk (6-2, 272) and Chad Craig (6-7, 270), and junior Kyle Litterell (6-2, 245) at tackle; and senior guard Steve Hegdale (6-5, 280).

Top reserves filling the other offensive positions include sophomore Pat Harper (6-1, 225) at center, junior Chris Kaiser (6-2, 237) at guard, sophomore Kerry Miller (6-6, 210) at tight end and sophomore Dan Bitson at flanker.

Tulsa also returns offensive punch in sophomore placekicker David Fuess, leading scorer from 1986. He hit 34 of 35 conversions and 13 of 22 field-goal tries for 73 points.

Eight starters are back on defense, including junior tackle Dennis Byrd (6-4, 248), who had six sacks, 10 other tackles for losses and recovered three fumbles.

Other returning starters are senior end Scott Estes (6-3, 243), senior tackle Donnie Dee (6-4, 240), junior nose guard Anthony Brown (6-2, 219), senior linebackers David Haynes (6-0, 206) and John Brown (6-0, 212), senior cornerback Michael Greer and senior strong safety Doug Desherow.

Top reserves at the remaining positions are sophomore linebacker George Craig (5-11, 215), junior cornerback Tyson Garner and sophomore free safety Lenny Williams.

Tulsa, an independent since the Missouri Valley Conference dropped football, faces stern tests against Oklahoma State, Florida, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

That's when Ellison's experience will come in handy. "I don't think he's reached his potential yet," says Willie Ellison. "He's only done about 60 percent of what he can do. I'm proud of him. I hope the boy is better than I ever was."

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eighth in the Big Eight and 100th in the nation in rushing offense, averaging a mere 73.3 yards per game.

Most of those yards belonged to Snell. The tailback carried 164 times for 672 yards, an average of 61 yards per game, and ran for three touchdowns.

With 250 receiving yards and 25 yards on kickoff returns, Snell ranked second among the Big Eight's all-purpose runners, behind Nebraska's Dana Brinson.

Senior tailback Mike Rogers also returns.

Kansas ranked 102nd out of 105 NCAA Division I schools in total offense last season, averaging 253 yards per game. Whether or not the Jayhawks improve will depend on an offensive line built around senior tackle Jim Davis (6-6, 260), who sat out spring drills because of a knee injury.

The other starting tackle will be senior Bob Pieper (6-5, 280), providing history doesn't repeat itself. Pieper broke his foot on the first play of preseason practice a year ago and was forced to redshirt. Pieper and Davis both have earned three letters.

Senior guard Bryan Howard (6-5, 265) returns after sitting out last season as an academic redshirt. At the other guard will be junior Jay Allen (6-3, 235).

Chip Budde (6-2, 235), a redshirted freshman, probably will start at center.

If the Jayhawks are to improve, their defense will have to be stingier than it was a year ago, when it allowed 397.3 yards and 29.7 points per game.

Upfront, Eldridge Avery and Scott Carlson are the key returnees. Senior tackle Avery (6-3, 250) made 77 tackles, 44 of them unassisted, and junior end Carlson (6-6, 240) had 72 tackles and six sacks.

Senior end Teddy Newman (6-4, 240) is back and, along with sophomore Dave Walton (6-7, 225) and Tim Adams (6-5, 260), will compete for playing time on the front line. Adams is a transfer from Dodge City (Kan.) Community College.

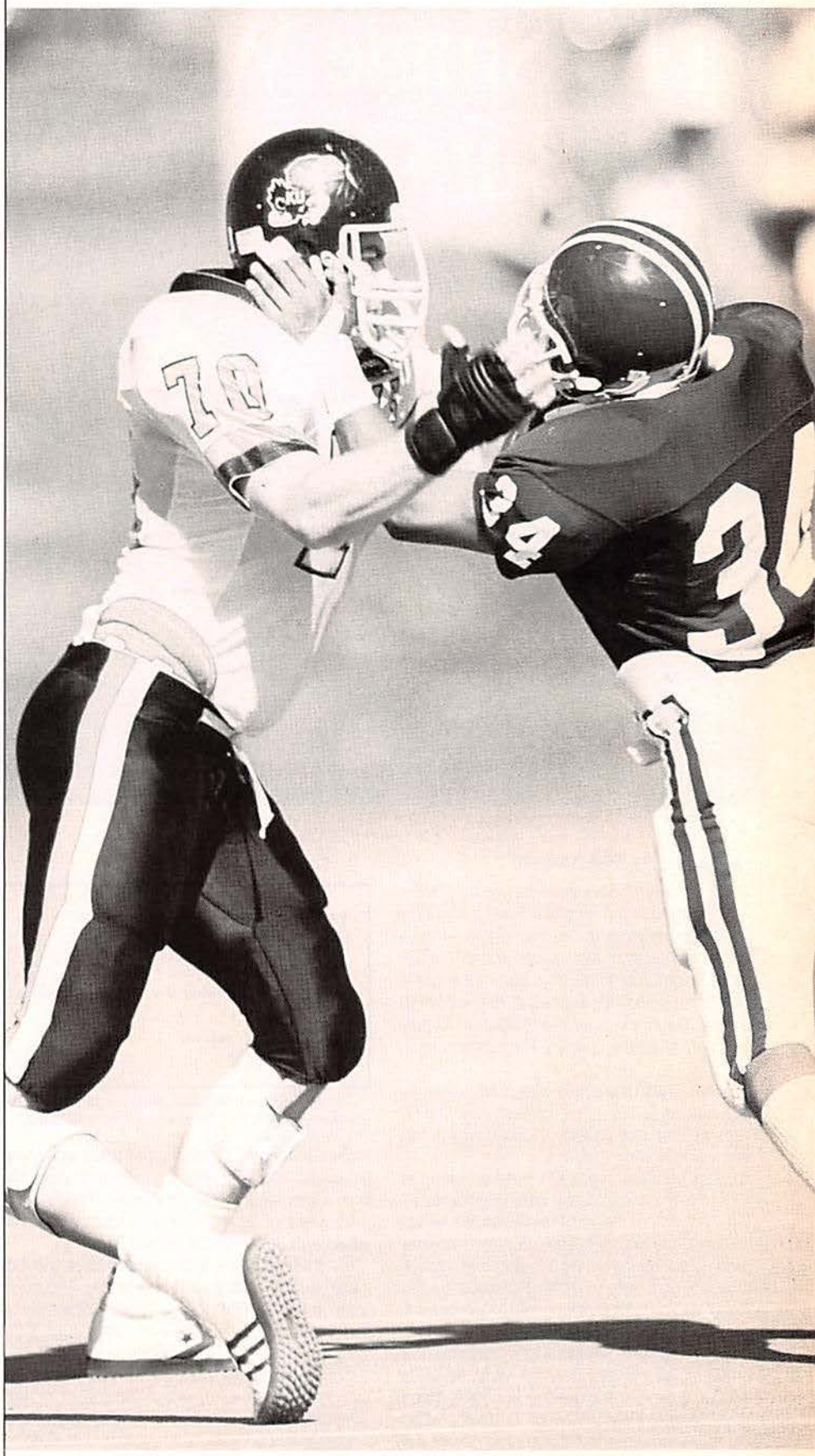
Senior Rick Bredesen (6-1, 225) leads the linebacking corps. He made 106 tackles and intercepted three passes last season.

Mike Dinnel (6-4, 230), a redshirt freshman, is expected to join senior Stacy Henson (6-1, 235) and junior Rick Clayton (6-3, 230) to give Kansas depth at linebacker.

Senior Milt Garner, who ranked second in the conference and fifth in the nation in punt returns, returns in the secondary, as does senior strong safety Marvin Mattox. Junior C. J. Eanes, who sat out last fall as a medical redshirt, is back at cornerback, along with senior Mike Fisher.

Also expected to provide help in the secondary are freshman Bill Sutter, who was ineligible a year ago under Proposal 48; Clint Normore, a junior transfer from Wichita State; and Brad Hinkle, a redshirt freshman.

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Senior Jayhawks OT Jim Davis (70) feels the thrust of leadership responsibilities.

The Single Wing Still Flies—But Only at Denison



by Phil Axelrod

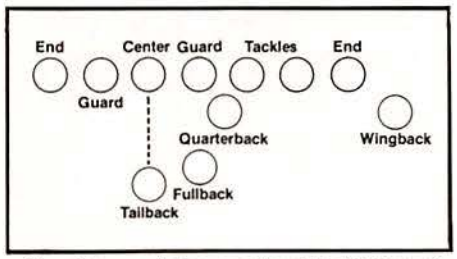
Johnny Majors sounds like he's talking about a long-lost friend when he reminisces about the single wing, a formation that was the rage in football prior to World War II. Majors, last of the great triple-threat tailbacks, starred at Tennessee in the mid-1950s. He was the Heisman Trophy runner-up to Notre Dame's Paul Hornung in 1956.

"I grew up with the single wing," says Majors, head coach at his alma mater since 1977. "From the time I could walk, I knew I was going to be a single wing tailback."

Majors pauses. "I guess I miss it," he says with a shrug. "It was really a thing of beauty."

Amos Alonzo Stagg introduced the wingback principle in 1890. Glenn S. "Pop" Warner is given credit for inventing the single wingback formation, probably in 1912. For several decades it was used by almost every high school, college and professional team.

Today, the only college still running the archaic single wing on a full-time basis is Denison, a private liberal-arts school located in the central Ohio town of Granville. The keeper of the flame is Coach Keith Piper, an individualist who fondly remembers watching Massillon (Ohio) Washington High School run the single wing in the '30s under Paul Brown, who went on to win fame as coach at Ohio State and later the Cleveland Browns.



The picture and diagram show the deployment when a play is run from an unbalanced line.

"I don't feel like a dinosaur," says the 65-year-old Piper, whose Denison Big Red compete in NCAA Division III. "I feel I'd be turning my back on people if I ever abandoned the single wing. It's a nostalgic type of thing."

The last major college to use the single wing was Princeton, which gave it up in 1969 and went to the modern T-formation that was introduced by Clark Shaughnessy in 1940.

"People think the single wing became outdated and old-fashioned because it stopped working," Piper says. "That's simply not what happened. It was never caught up with. It just went out of style, like men's fashions. It still works."

It works for Piper, whose teams have posted a 175-110-16 record in his 33 seasons at Denison. The Big Red was 10-1 in 1985 and 9-1 in 1986, and tailback Chris Spriggs became the first player in NCAA history to rush for more than 4,000 yards and pass for more than 2,000 in a career.

"You have to believe in the single wing to use it, and I don't feel old-fashioned just because it looks different and was used 50-60 years ago," says Piper, a Civil War buff whose early 19th century home—wouldn't you know it—is decorated with antiques. "I don't care how the formation looks. I care about how it works."

The single wing works in strange and wondrous ways. It remains a mystery to younger folks who have never seen it before. It starts with the ball being snapped to the tailback. He stands about five yards directly behind the center with the fullback an arm's length away

at his side. The quarterback lines up a yard behind a tackle on the strong side. The remaining back, the wingback, gets into a three-point stance just off the outside foot of the tight end.

In Denison's unbalanced-line version of the formation, the center is flanked on one side by a guard and an end, and on the other by two tackles, a guard and the tight end.

The tailback can run, pass or kick the football. One of the basic plays is the fullback spinner. The fullback gets the handoff from the tailback, turns his back to the line of scrimmage and then either hands off to another back, runs around end or simply dives into the middle of the line.

"It may not look pretty, but it sure gets the job done," says Piper, who is writing a book about the single wing.

Piper's favorite player in the single wing is the quarterback, who calls the signals but rarely does anything but block.

"We want a guy about 220 pounds, a tough hombre who's kinda ugly and bloodthirsty," Piper says. "Usually, he was a slow back in high school who didn't want to be a lineman."

But it is the tailback who hears the cheers in the single wing. Dick Kazmaier, a stocky 171-pounder, brought crowds to their feet as he led Princeton to 22 straight victories, including 9-0 seasons in 1950 and '51. He was featured on the cover of *Time* in 1951, the year he won the Heisman Trophy.

After watching Kazmaier complete 15 of 17 passes for 236 yards, rush for 124 and score three touchdowns in a stunning 53-15 victory over previously unbeaten Cornell in 1951, Pulitzer Prize-winning sports columnist Arthur Daley wrote in *The New York Times*: "Only Frank Merriwell in his fictional prime had days that could compare with the one Dandy Dick had. He kicks well; he passes with deadly accuracy; he is an exquisite runner with blinding speed and uncanny change of pace."

Kazmaier is president of a marketing and financial services firm in Concord, Mass., specializing in sports recreation, leisure, health and fitness. He enjoys a chuckle or two when he watches old films of himself wearing the striped orange and black uniforms of the Princeton Tigers.

"It looks like the Middle Ages or something," he says. "It seems so long ago. There were no face masks, no artificial turf, no color in the films. I think what we did had a lot of uniqueness, a lot of charm. The single wing we ran was quite complex. We had great variety, sophisticated line blocking, men in motion and flankers.

"We threw running passes that now are called play action. We could pass extremely well from the single wing."

But Kazmaier, who was inducted into the National Football Hall of Fame in 1966, doesn't linger in the past. "I enjoyed that time," he says, "but I live for today and the future. We're an exclusive club—the single wing tailback club. I played a formation that has gone the way of the brontosaurus."

When Kazmaier played, the single wing was being replaced by the T-formation. He says: "The T was inherently simpler and the athletes were getting bigger, stronger and faster. They needed a faster-moving offense. The single wing wasn't explosive; you moved with the flow.

"Every play had to unfold. There was a lot of maneuvering before the hole opened up. I don't think you'll ever see the single wing come back. It would be next to impossible, because you'd have to find coaches who knew the system, and you'd need five or six tailbacks and long hours of work with the center. The challenge of finding the talent would be too demanding. That's the basic flaw of the single wing."

Kazmaier says he'd prefer to let the single wing remain one of football's fabled formations, a symbol of a different time, rather than revive it and adapt it to the game of the '80s.

"The single wing would be a novelty, an oddity that wouldn't be appreciated," he says. "People would look at it as a curiosity, not understanding what a great formation it once was. It deserves to be remembered for that."

Legendary tailbacks Jim Thorpe, Red Grange, Tom Harmon, Doak Walker, Majors and Kazmaier transformed the single wing into an art form.

Bob Zuppke, who coached Grange at Illinois, once said that systems and plays weren't all that important. "It's the men who carry them out." Like Grange, who ran for touchdowns of 95, 67, 56 and 44 yards in the first 12 minutes against Michigan in 1924, and for three touchdowns and 363 yards on 36 carries on a muddy field against Pennsylvania in '25.

In the early twenties, when Grange was in school, Zuppke is said to have told his team before the Iowa game, "No man comes out who is still breathing."

When an injured Illinois player was unable to get up, Zuppke dispatched a reserve, who promptly ran back to the bench. "I thought I told you to report in," said Zuppke. "What did you come back for?"

"He's still breathing," said the substitute.

At Denison, the single wing is still breathing, and Piper hasn't tampered much with it. He is like a curator, handling it with care and respect.

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Keith Piper's teams at Denison University have become a living museum for the single wing.



(Single Wing continued)

He has used the single wing exclusively since 1978. Until then he ran the T-formation with the exception of a couple of seasons in the early 1960s.

In the spring of 1962 Piper was trying to convince his assistant coaches that Denison should install the single wing. They were stalemated when they took a trip to Pittsburgh to attend a sports banquet.

"When we got there, we drew numbers to determine where the Denison staff would sit," he recalls. "We wound up at the same table with Tennessee's people. They were using the single wing at the time, and they got my staff all fired up on the single wing. My staff accused me of arranging the seating, but it was just dumb luck."

"I got rid of the T and came back to the single wing because that's what I knew best," Piper says. "I hope nobody else goes to it. We have something of an advantage. Nobody else seems to know what we're doing. We see T-formations every week. Our opponents see the single wing once a year. They think they have to come up with a special defense just for our offense."

Teams in the North Coast Athletic Conference have yet to find a way to stop Piper's Big Red. "If we play a team on an equal footing," he says with a grin, "we have a better than even chance of winning."

Because of the single wing, Denison has received national publicity, making Piper's job easier when he's recruiting. "Usually, the prospect brings his grandfather with him to explain the single wing," he says. "We say we're unique and that appeals to him. Because the players we get aren't worried about becoming pro football players, it's not hard to find kids who fit the single wing.

"We look for option-type quarterbacks in high school and convert them into tailbacks. We're going to run the ball 40-50 times a game. We try to make opponents think run right, run left until their tongues are hanging out," Piper laughs. "I love the single wing, I really do. I've seen reverses where nobody's left standing."

Ten years ago Denison had a swift little quarterback from Florida named Clay Sampson.

"We were using the T his first season and were very ordinary," says Piper. "With Sampson's great speed, I thought he'd be the perfect tailback for the single wing. I got out some of our films from the '60s and showed them to him. He wasn't sure he would like it. He said it was outmoded and questioned whether it would work."

Nevertheless, Piper switched to the single wing. In the opening game against Washington & Jefferson in 1978, Sampson ran 78 yards for a touchdown.

"That was all it took to convince him," says Piper. "He liked it after that. He set every record we had at the time."

Why don't other college teams turn to the single wing? "Because young coaches simply can't take the time to put it together," Piper says. "I don't think you'll ever see it again in the pros. I wouldn't want to pay $3 million for a tailback and have him obliterated."

When the word tailback is mentioned, one of the first names to come to mind is Majors.

He was a high school senior, playing for his father, Shirley, at Huntland (Tenn.) High School in 1952. That was the last of Bob Neyland's 21 years as Tennessee coach. Neyland achieved tremendous success with the single wing. Nine of his teams didn't lose a regular-season game. In one six-year span, he lost only one game. During the thirties and forties, his name was almost synonymous with the single wing. Majors was coached at Tennessee by Harvey Robinson and Bowden Wyatt.

"I can't think of a more enjoyable position than single-wing tailback," Majors says. "You could do all the things you wanted to do, all the things you used to do in your backyard as a kid. You got to run, throw and kick the football. There were a lot of quick kicks. That was a big part of our game. If you couldn't think of anything else, you could kick the ball."

Majors' favorite play was the option pass, but when the Vols got near the goal line, he let the fullback carry the ball.

"I always wanted to keep my fullback happy, because I wanted him to block for me," Majors explains. "I'm prejudiced, but I think the single wing was one of the most beautiful offenses ever invented with its precision and its variety, which included the buck lateral, the reverses and the fullback and tailback spinners."

Tennessee discarded the single wing in 1964 when new Coach Doug Dickey installed the T. It marked the end of a glorious era.

"Tennessee was having trouble recruiting people with the single wing," Majors says. "The T-formation was a little more colorful. Steve Sloan left the state to go to Alabama and Steve Spurrier left to play for Florida. I think that's the big reason Tennessee changed."

Majors was reared on single wing football but never coached it.

"Maybe for a second or two I've given some thought to reviving it," he says. "But I have very serious doubts that it would ever make a strong comeback. It would be extremely difficult to recruit personnel today to play the single wing. It was fun to play and to watch, but I don't think you'll see it anymore."

Unless you travel to Granville, Ohio. Denison has turned back the clock and become a living museum for the single wing.

"I watch the faces of youngsters at our games," says Piper, "and I love the way they keep staring at the field. They always ask a lot of questions after the game."

Piper takes the time to answer them. He considers that to be part of the responsibility that goes with being the last man to coach the single wing.

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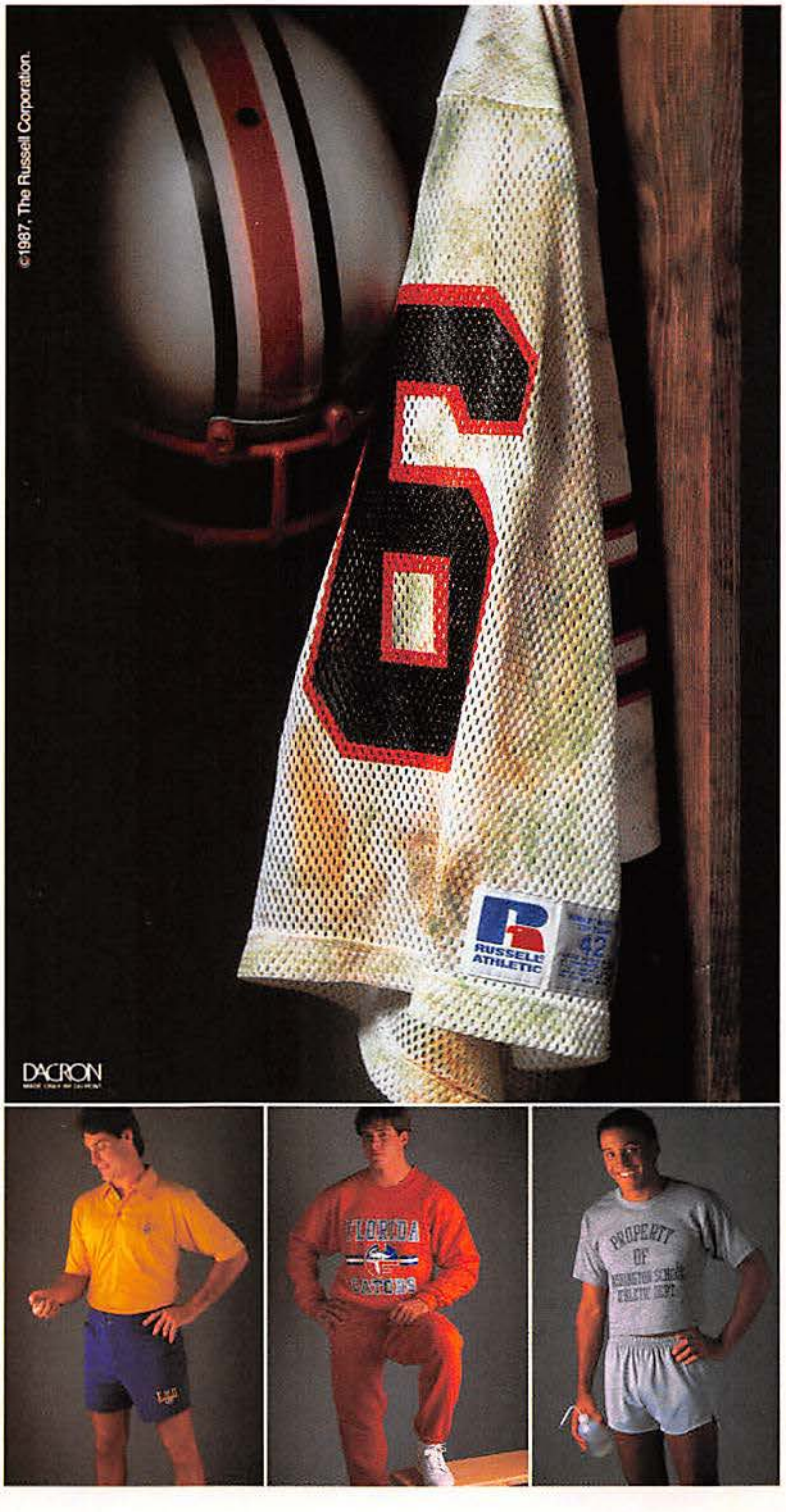
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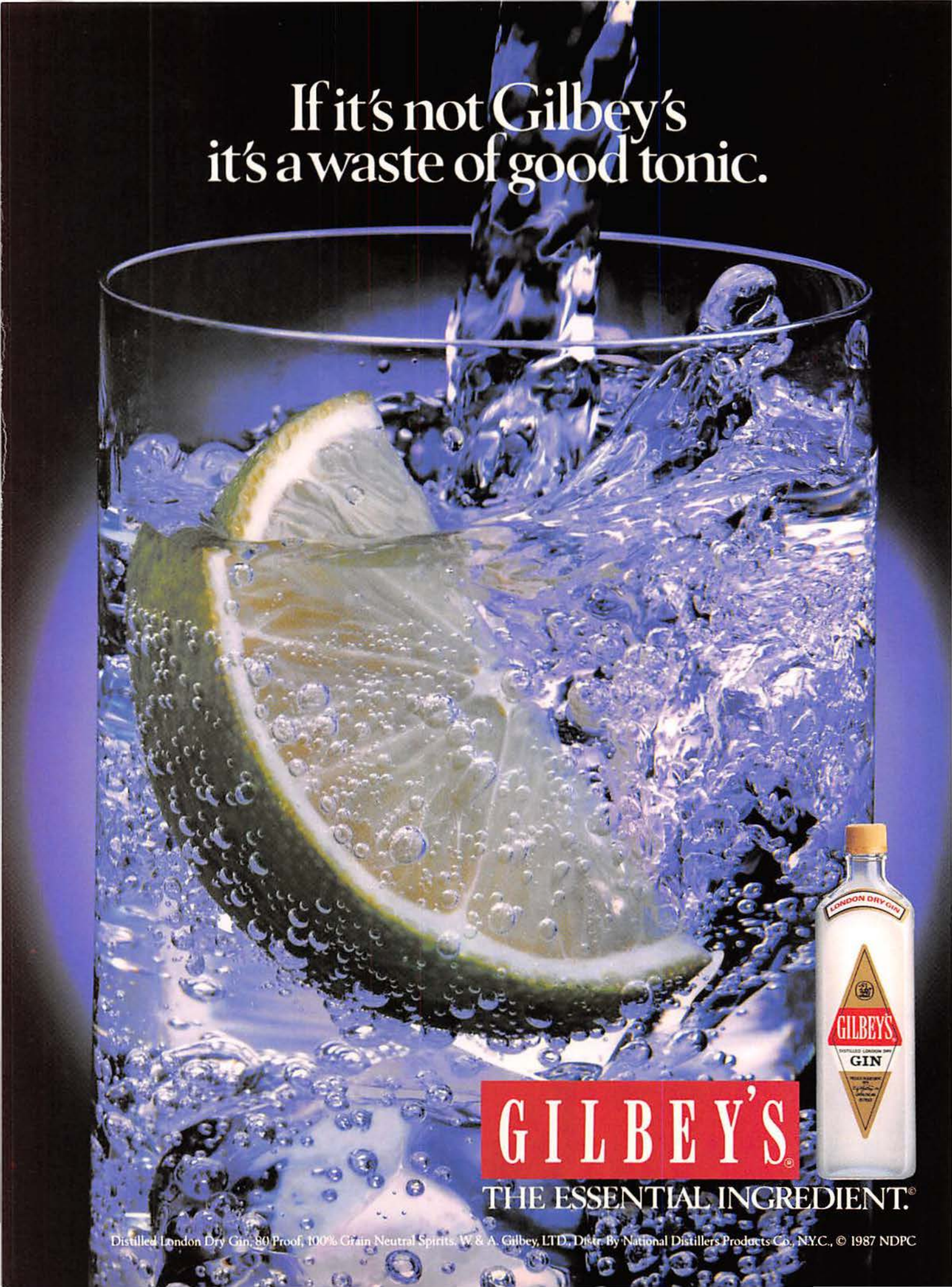
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Sooners, Minus Boz, Are Still Doin' Fine



Like Lydell Carr, Oklahoma hits the top.

by Jerry McCoin
Publisher

The eyes of Texas are upon Oklahoma. Pennsylvania, Alabama and Michigan eyes are watching, too. California sunglasses are turned that way. Be sure Nebraska is viewing the Oklahoma scene with considerable interest.

Any way you look at it, the Oklahoma Sooners look like national champions of college football. Barry Switzer has a beautiful package: talent, experience, tradition, Jamelle Holieway. All the coach has to do is keep it together, wrap it up Nov. 21 at Lincoln and tie it with a big Orange Bowl ribbon on Jan. 1, 1988.

Athlon concludes that Oklahoma will again be overpowering. So, what's new? The championship got away last September, but this one is going in the trophy case.

It would be exciting to say that Coach Switzer's Sooners have discovered a dazzling passing attack to go with their snap, crackle and pop. The Sooners will again be run-oriented, however.

Oklahoma has the finest offensive line in America in tight end Keith Jackson, tackles Jon Phillips and Greg Johnson, and guards Mark Hutson and Anthony Phillips—all returning regulars. Center Bob Latham looks right at home in that kind of company.

Holieway is the quarterback-magician, a slick wishbone manipulator without equal. The

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Athlon's Top Twenty

1. OKLAHOMA
2. PENN STATE
3. AUBURN
4. MICHIGAN
5. MIAMI
6. TEXAS A&M
7. UCLA
8. FLORIDA STATE
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17. SOUTHERN CAL
18. WASHINGTON
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(National Predictions continued)

Sooners have speed merchants to break long runs and big backs to batter out tough yards in heavy traffic. When you have committed everybody, including the mascot, to protect the corners and plug tackle holes, Oklahoma can throw a touchdown pass.

The Sooners' defense, even without Brian Bosworth, is the best short of the NFL. Seven starters return.

Defending national champion Penn State has a fine team and a schedule tailored for another perfect record: Bowling Green, Rutgers, Cincinnati, Boston College, Temple, etc.

Coach Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions should finish No. 2.

Auburn projects as the third-best team in the country. Coach Pat Dye has a crusty defensive front featuring Aundray Bruce and Tracy Rocker. Again, scheduling is a factor. The Tigers could reach November undefeated.

Michigan is No. 4. Jamie Morris, All-Big Ten running back, is the Wolverines' big-play man on offense. The defense returns standouts Andree McIntyre and Mark Messner. Bo Schembechler has never had a losing season in 24 years as a head coach.

Miami will demonstrate how to live without a Heisman Trophy quarterback. Others have been doing it for decades. Steve Walsh will not be confused with Vinny Testaverde. Melvin Bratton and Warren Williams are excellent running backs. Safety Bennie Blades and defensive end Danny Stubbs will help maintain Miami's winning habit. *Athlon* picks the Hurricanes fifth.



Penn State's Blair Thomas may be a headliner.

Texas A&M will finish No. 6, apparently without a star quarterback. But maybe young Lance Pavlas will prove to be better than Kevin Murray. Sammy O'Brient is an outstanding defensive lineman.

There are no strange faces in the Top 10. UCLA, featuring running back Gaston Green, is No. 7. Much-improved Florida State projects eighth. The Seminoles have nine returning regulars on each side of the ball. LSU is No. 9. The Tigers have top 5 talent, but new Coach Mike Archer has big shoes to fill. Ohio State is No. 10. All-America wide receiver Cris Carter was suspended in the spring for breaking "team rules." He was later reinstated.

The second 10 is full of perennial powers—naturally. They start with Arizona State, Nebraska, Tennessee and Clemson. Maybe you weren't expecting Pittsburgh to be No. 15. *Athlon* picks Mike Gottfried of the Panthers to be national Coach of the Year.

Arkansas, with all that experience and the flexbone, is 16, ahead of Southern California and Washington. Mississippi is 19. If Notre Dame, with its schedule, finishes 20th, the Irish should add a year to Coach Lou Holtz's contract.

Other good teams, close to the top 20, will be Colorado, Iowa, Georgia, Brigham Young and San Diego State.

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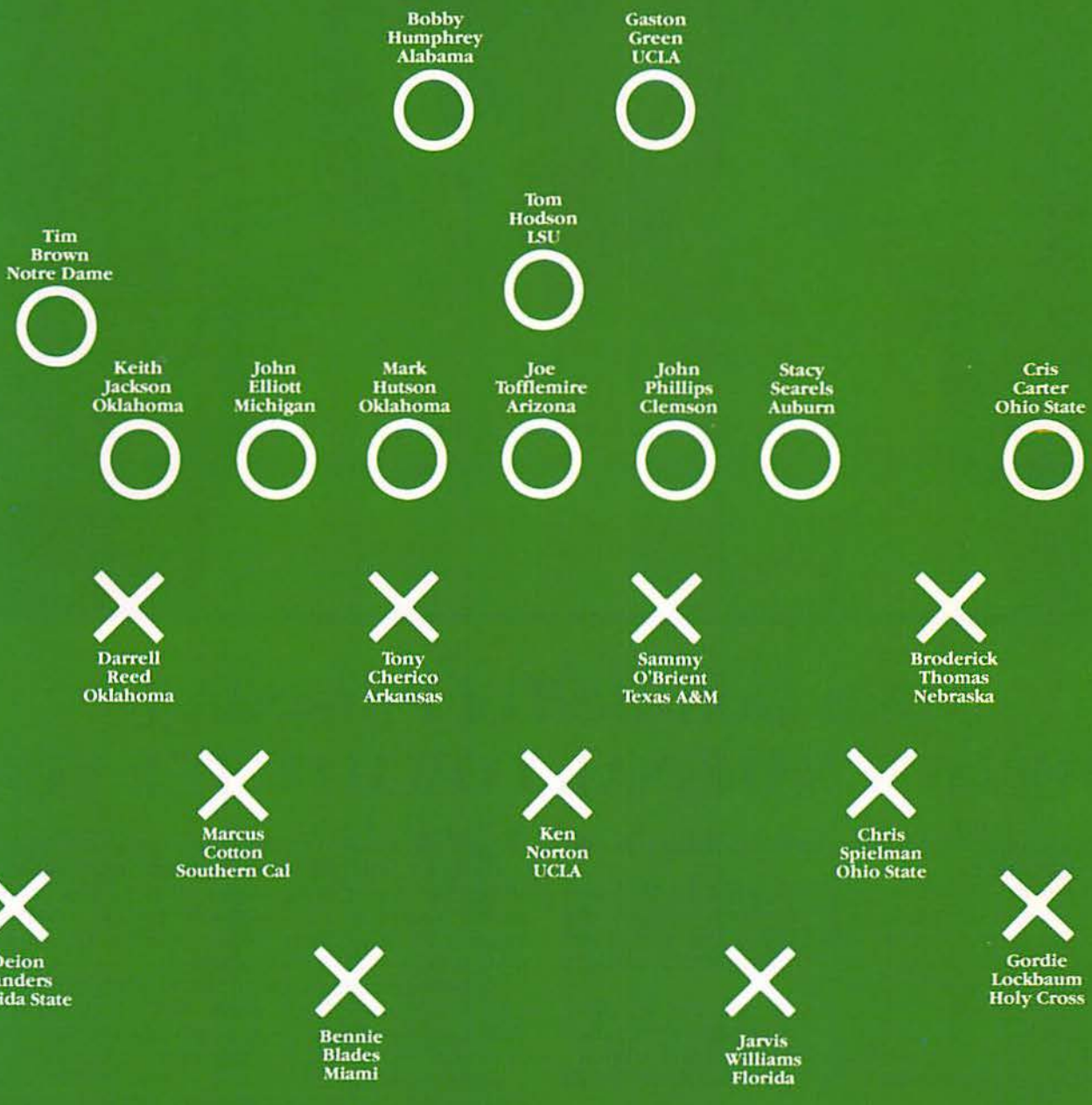
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Mike Gottfried of Pittsburgh
ATHLON'S NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Gottfried of Pittsburgh is *Athlon's* selection as 1987 Coach of the Year.

In his first season at Pitt, Gottfried guided the 1986 Panthers to a 5-5-1 record. More impressively, however, the 42-year-old former college quarterback has placed Pitt back on the threshold of national respectability, a status not held by the Panthers since 1983.

Pittsburgh fans are longing for the return of the glory days, when their team played in 10 bowl games between 1973-83, won the national championship in 1976, and finished eight seasons ranked in the Associated Press Top 20 between 1975-83.

Athlon believes Gottfried is the coach who can answer the Panthers' prayers.

For starters, Gottfried recruited what is considered one of the best freshman classes in the nation. Among Pittsburgh's 1987 signees are three listed in the top 20 of Max Emfinger's Top 100 high school football players in the country.

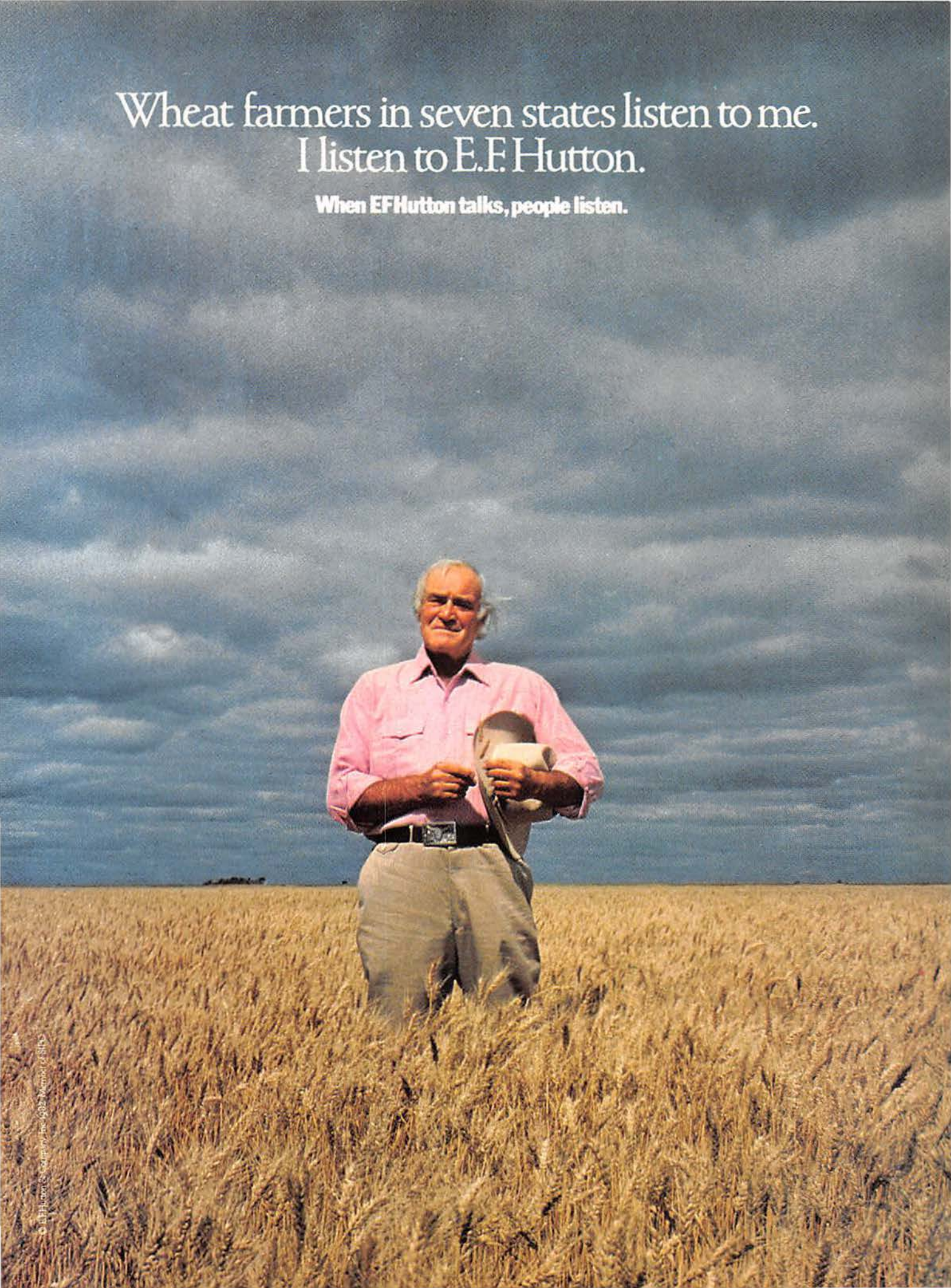
Gottfried, who played quarterback at Morehead State University in Kentucky, knows what it takes to turn programs around. In only his second year as a college head coach, in 1979, Gottfried led Murray State to a 9-2-1 record after going 4-7 the previous season.

He became head coach at the University of Cincinnati in 1981 and improved the Bearcats' 1980 2-9 record to 6-5. His 1982 team also finished 6-5, playing against teams such as Alabama, Penn State, Florida State and Miami, Fla.

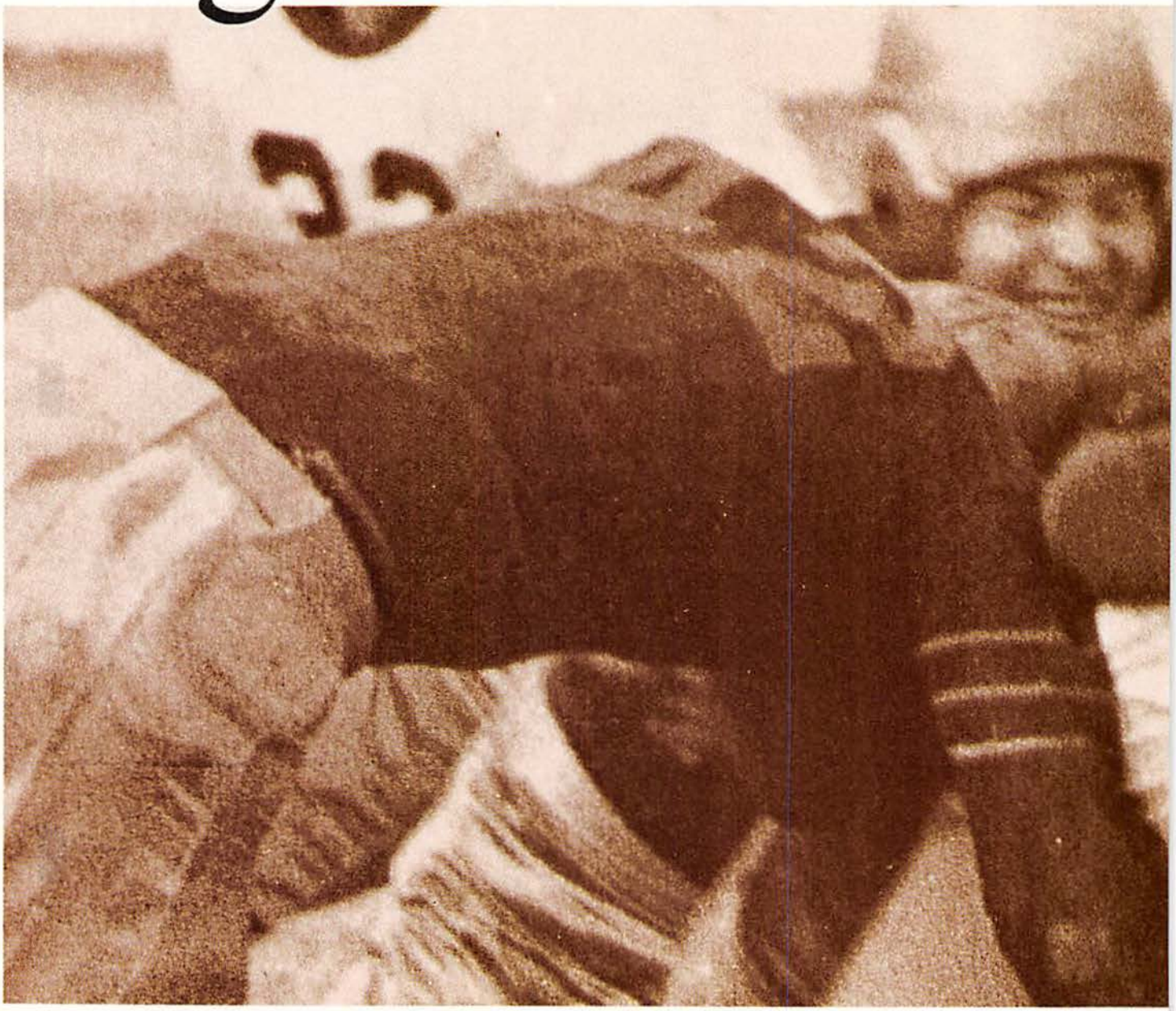
Gottfried headed to Kansas in 1983 and succeeded in making the Jayhawks a stronger contender in the Big Eight. In 1984, when Kansas upset then No. 2-ranked Oklahoma, he was named the Associated Press Big Eight Coach of the Year.

Gottfried's career record as a college head coach is 54-44-4.

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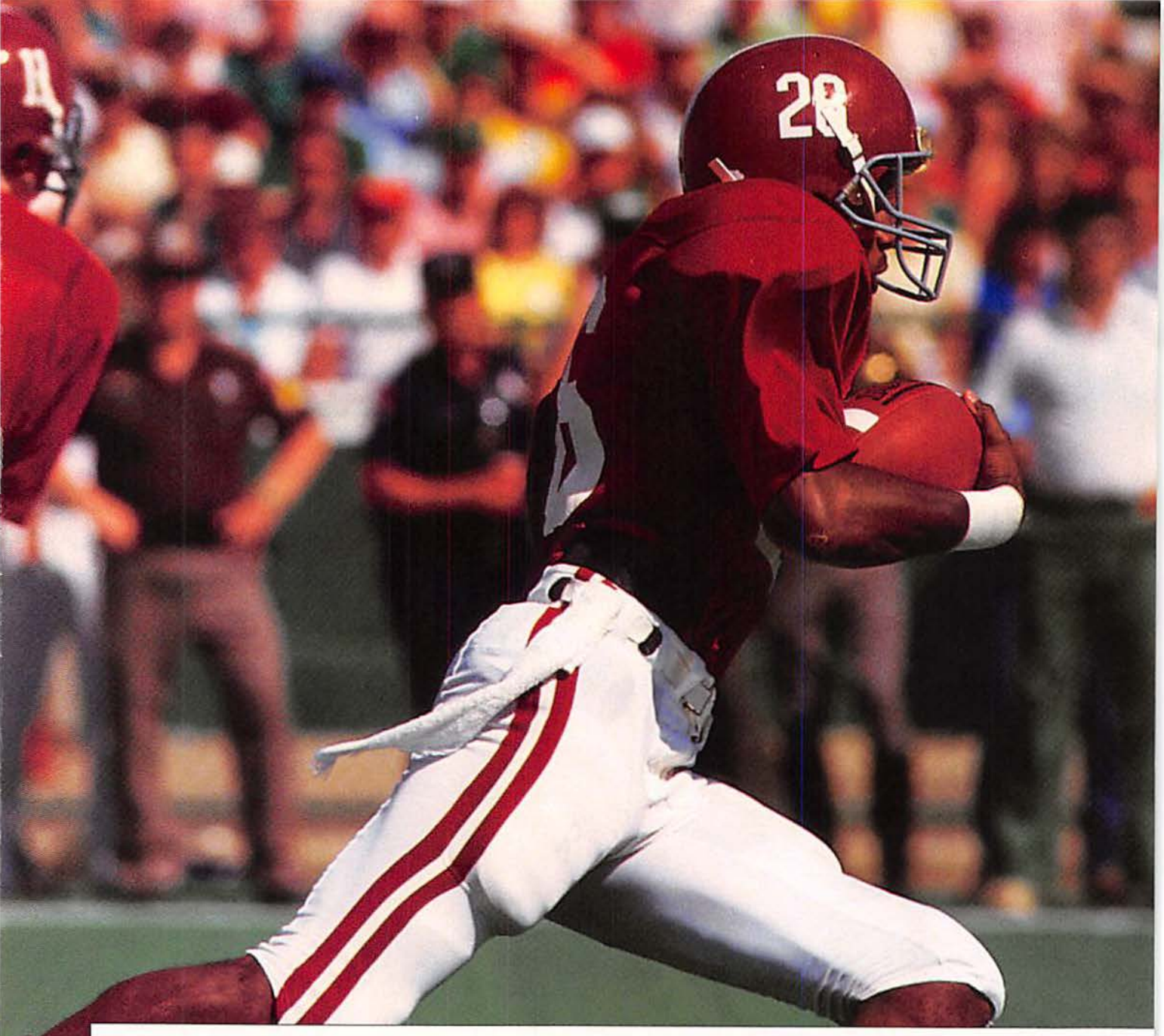
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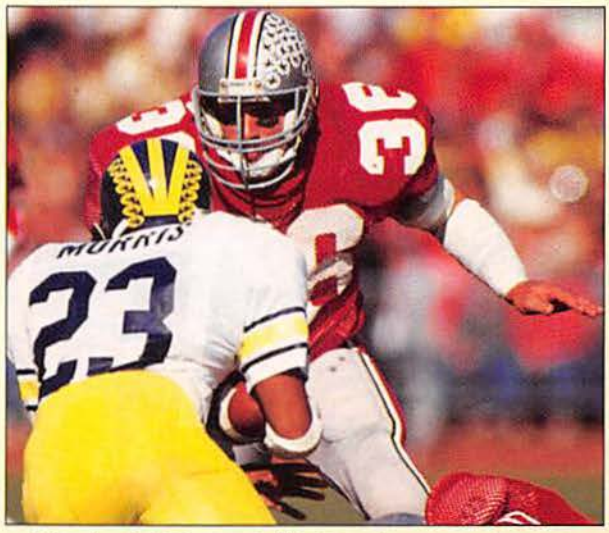
by Herschel Nissenson

According to West Virginia University's spring prospectus, "This could be the year of the wide receiver at West Virginia . . . Harvey Smith . . . John Talley . . . Calvin Phillips . . . Grantis Bell . . . have the potential to be among college football's best pass catchers."

With apologies to Messrs. Smith, Talley, Phillips and Bell, who may indeed turn out to be as good as advertised, 1987 looks like the Year of the Wide Receiver all across the country—provided quarterbacks can be found to throw them the ball.

Six wide receivers who made the Associated Press' first three All-America teams last year are back—first-teamers Tim Brown of Notre Dame and Cris Carter of Ohio State, second-teamers Wendell Davis of LSU and Michael Irvin of Miami (Fla.), third-teamers Sterling Sharpe

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Going for the Heisman: Bobby Humphrey (opposite page), Tim Brown (top), Chris Spielman (36) and Jamie Morris (23).

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of South Carolina and Marc Zeno of Tulane.

But only Davis, Sharpe and Zeno have their No. 1 quarterbacks returning: LSU's Tom Hodson, South Carolina's Todd Ellis and Tulane's Terrence Jones. Watch out for flying objects in Louisiana.

Of the top 40 receivers from 1986—the NCAA computes it on a catches-per-game basis—no fewer than 24 are back, including Davis (No. 3), Sharpe (5th), Zeno (7th), Carter (15th), Irvin (20th) and Brown (38th), who also finished third nationally in all-purpose running yards—i.e., rushing, receiving and kick returns.

Brown's numbers don't appear all that formidable until you (1) watch Mr. Excitement in person and (2) look at his all-purpose yardage.

Brown rushed for 254 yards—he lined up at halfback when Notre Dame employed the wishbone—caught 45 passes for 910 yards, had 75 yards in punt returns (his 56-yarder in the closing minutes set up the winning touchdown against Southern California) and brought back 25 kickoffs for 698 yards, finishing third nationally with a 27.92 average.

It all added up to 1,937 all-purpose yards, 176.09 per game. Brown averaged 14.8 yards per all-purpose play, just missing the all-time mark of 15 yards by Johnny Rodgers of Nebraska in 1972, the year he won the Heisman Trophy.

Says Notre Dame Coach Lou Holtz, "The only way opposing teams are going to keep the ball out of Timmy Brown's hands is by intercepting the snap from center."

Brown needed just 31 more yards to break Rodgers' mark. He had it, albeit temporarily, on a 97-yard kickoff return against Penn State, which was downgraded to 18 yards because of a clipping penalty.

Carter is the first All-America wide receiver at Ohio State. He is the Buckeyes' all-time leading receiver with 164 receptions and 27 touchdown catches—he set single-season records last year with 65 catches for 1,066 yards and 11 touchdowns—and needs just 129 yards to become No. 1 in that department as well.

Davis became the first LSU player to lead the Southeastern Conference in receiving, and he set four school records—receptions in a season (80), yards (1,244), touchdowns (11) and receptions in a game (14). His 1,244 yards led the nation—it was second in SEC history to Florida's Carlos Alvarez, who had 1,329 in 1969—and the 11 TD catches tied for the lead.

After just two seasons, Irvin is on the way to owning all Miami's receiving records. He already leads in career touchdown receptions (20), is second in receiving yards (1,708) and fifth in receptions (99). Besides his breakaway speed and big-league hands, Irvin is an outstanding downfield blocker.

When Heisman Trophy winner Vinny Testaverde missed the 1986 regular-season finale because of an injury, Irvin helped backup Geoff Torretta to a 328-yard game by catching eight passes for 194 yards, second-best yardage total in Miami history. Two receptions resulted in 50- and 42-yard touchdowns.

"There is not a better all-around athlete in the country than Sterling Sharpe," says South Carolina Coach Joe Morrison. "When things get tight, you look for certain players, and Sterling is that type of athlete for our ballclub."

Sharpe's 1986 numbers were 74 receptions—10 against Nebraska, nine against Clemson—for 1,106 yards and 10 touchdowns, all school records. He needs 39 catches, 482 yards and four touchdowns to become the Gamecocks' all-time leader in those categories. He also led the team in kickoff and punt returns. For good measure, he was named to the All-American Strength Team.

People in New Orleans were concerned that with Tulane's running game turning to the option, Zeno would not get the ball as often as he did in 1985, when he caught 73 passes for 1,137 yards. They were right, but he didn't miss by much (68 for 1,033).

"He caught 68 passes, was one of the nation's leading receivers and had a great year, so we will still work at getting the ball to him," says Coach Mack Brown.

Other top receivers back for 1987 include Guy Liggins of San Jose State (No. 6), Stanford's Jeff James and Brad Muster (11th and 12th respectively), Oklahoma State's Hart Lee Dykes (14th), Terance Mathis of New Mexico (16th) and Michigan State's Andre Rison (19th).

Keep an eye on Mississippi's J.R. Ambrose, Doug Green of Duke, Southern Cal's Ken Henry, Tennessee's Anthony Miller, Miami of Ohio's Andy Schillinger, Willie Vaughn of Kansas and North Carolina State's Nasrallah Worthen.

And don't forget that fearsome foursome at West Virginia.

For all those folks to catch the ball, someone's got to throw it, but only seven of the top 20 quarterbacks in passing efficiency are returning.

At the top of the list are three passers who will still be underclassmen in 1987: LSU sophomore Hodson (No. 6), junior Jeff Francis of Tennessee (7th) and sophomore Ellis of South Carolina (11th). But the quarterbacks who probably will get the most preseason pub are Florida's Kerwin Bell and San Diego State's Todd Santos, who is bidding to become the fourth 10,000-yard passer in as many years (1984, Doug Flutie; 1985, Brian McClure; 1986, Kevin Sweeney).

With 7,493 passing yards, Santos trails Sweeney, the leader, by 3,130, which means he must average 261 yards a game since the



Aztecs play a 12-game regular season. He averaged 255 last year despite an inexperienced corps of receivers and a tailback who rushed for almost 1000 yards.

Santos already is San Diego State's career leader in completions and passing yardage, surpassing the likes of Dennis Shaw, Brian Sipe, Craig Penrose, Don Horn and Jesse Freitas. If he falls short of Sweeney's record, Santos seems certain to eclipse Brigham Young's Jim McMahon as the Western Athletic Conference's all-time passing leader. He needs only 2,043 yards.

When Bell was unexpectedly thrust into the starting job at Florida in 1984 and went on to earn SEC Player of the Year honors, he was a walk-on redshirt freshman from tiny Mayo, Fla. In 1987, Bell can break many SEC records.

He ranks fourth on the all-time list with 47 touchdown passes—most ever for an SEC quarterback at the end of his junior season and sixth highest in NCAA history—and 5,816 yards. Former Florida star John Reaves holds both easily reachable marks with 54 and 7,549.

"People are always asking for a comparison between Bell and Testaverde," says Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden. "That's like comparing Dan Marino to Joe Montana. They are different, however, in that Testaverde's a Marino-type of quarterback. He's the classic dropback passer. Bell's more like Montana in that he can scramble and make something happen on the run."

If you're looking for a running quarterback, look no further than Oklahoma's Jamelle Holieway, who has galloped for 1,672 yards (the NCAA record is 3,299 by Tampa's Fred Solomon, 1971-74) in his first two seasons. Coach Barry Switzer calls Holieway "perhaps the best wishbone quarterback I have ever had."

Mike Perez of San Jose State threw 17 interceptions and only 14 touchdown passes, numbers which relegated him to 29th place under the NCAA rating formula. But Perez's 2,934 yards passing and 35 rushing in only nine games made him the national leader in total offense with a 329.89 per-game average. He led the Spartans to the Pacific Coast Athletic Association crown and set a PCAA record when he passed for 508 yards and had 536 yards of total offense against Pacific.

All the major college passing records could become academic by the time Ellis finishes his career at South Carolina. Coach Joe Morrison switched from the veer to the run-and-shoot to take advantage of Ellis' talents, and he was not disappointed with the results.

All Ellis did was set NCAA freshman records with 3,020 passing yards, 20 touchdown passes and 2,975 yards in total offense. All are school records. So is his 60.3 percent completion average and, on the debit side, his 22 interceptions. He finished second nationally behind Perez in total offense with 270.45 yards per game.

Ellis passed for 200 or more yards in 10 of 11 games and hit 300 three times, including 394 yards against Peach Bowl-bound Virginia Tech. With three seasons remaining, he already is third on South Carolina's all-time pass yardage list.

"Ellis will break every record anybody's got before he's through," says Bowden, whose team surrendered 267 of Ellis' passing yards.

Besides Hodson, Francis and Ellis, North Carolina's Mark Maye was 12th in passing efficiency, Eastern Michigan's Ron Adams 15th, Cincinnati's Danny McCoin 19th and Washington's Chris Chandler 20th. Tulane's Jones was 30th.

Also, watch out for Minnesota's Rickey Foggie, Don McPherson of Syracuse, Rodney Peete of Southern Cal, Nebraska's Steve Taylor, Texas Tech's Billy Joe Tolliver and Oregon State's Erik Wilhelm.

When it comes to receivers, don't overlook the tight ends, who are expected to block as well as catch.

Oklahoma All-American Keith Jackson jokes that "sometimes I hold or clip intentionally so we can have third-and-long and maybe throw the ball."

Maybe. The Sooners finished dead last among the nation's 105 major college teams in passing, throwing only 88 times all season and completing just 38. Jackson caught 14 for 403 yards, a whopping 28.8-yard average and a school record for 10 or more receptions in a season.

Other noteworthy tight ends are Florida State's 251-pound Pat Carter, Duke's Jason Cooper, Ron Duncan of Ball State, Mike Flagg of Iowa, Maryland's Ferrell Edmunds and Temple's Mike Hinnant.

The top returning rushers are a trio of juniors: Derrick Fenner of North Carolina (No. 5), Central Michigan's Rodney Stevenson (6th) and Alabama's Bobby Humphrey (7th).

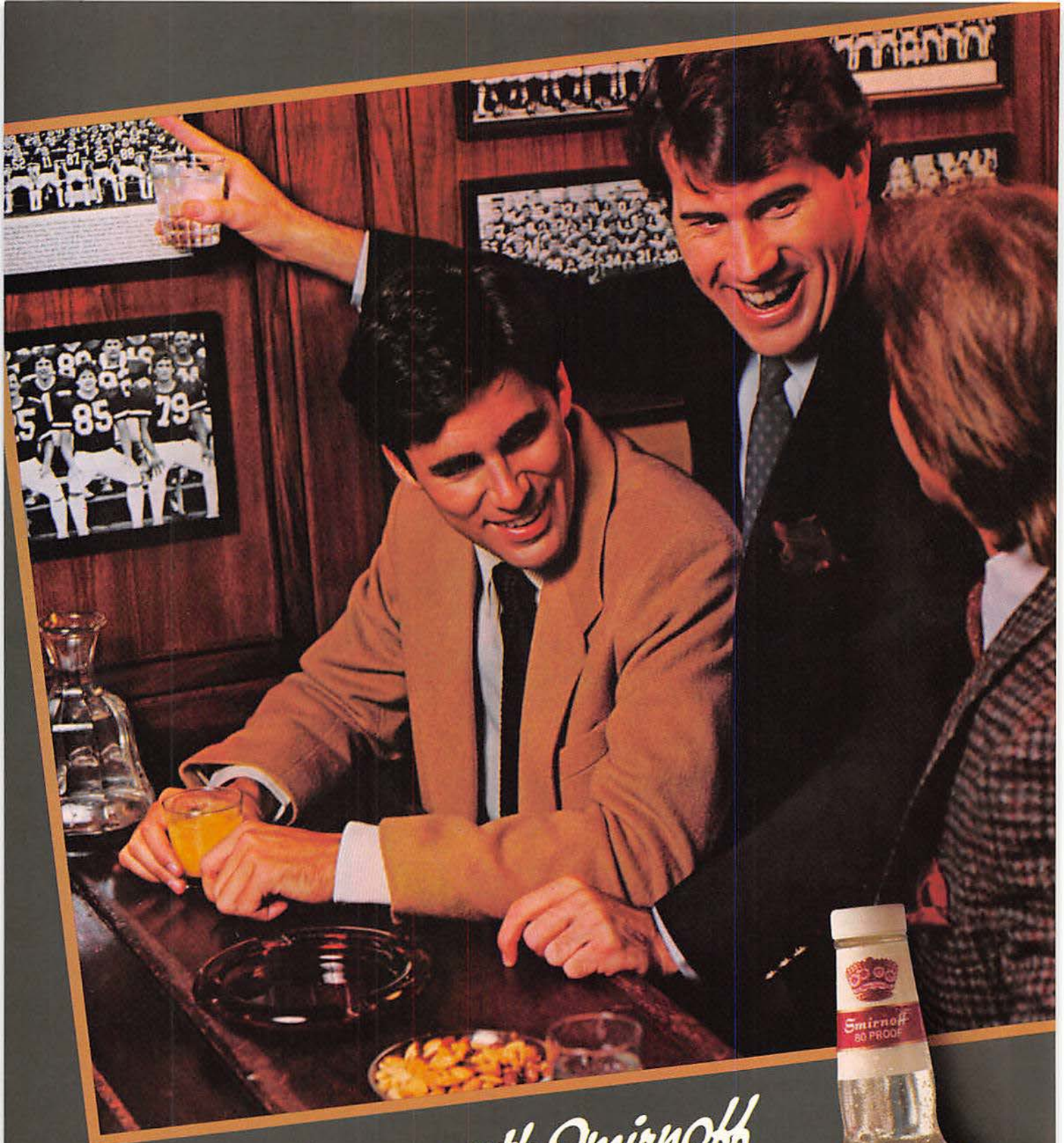
Partly because of Alabama's football tradition, Humphrey is the most publicized of the three. Humphrey grew up in the shadow of Birmingham's Legion Field, where the Crimson Tide will play all its 1987 home games. He rewrote most of Alabama's rushing records, including rushes (236), yards (1,471, with a school-record 284 against Mississippi State) and yards per game (122.6). His 17 touchdowns were another record.

UCLA is touting Gaston Green as a Heisman Trophy candidate. Michigan State and Oklahoma State will do the same for Lorenzo White and Thurman Thomas if they can stay away from the nagging injuries that slowed them down last year after outstanding 1985 campaigns.

Green concluded the 1986 regular season by rushing for 224 yards and a record-tying four touchdowns against Southern Cal, the highest rushing total ever against the Trojans. He surpassed that feat with 266 yards in the

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Freedom Bowl against Brigham Young, a team that allowed only 88.8 yards per game on the ground during the regular season.

Green finished the season with school records of 1,405 yards and 17 touchdowns. He led the Pacific-10 and placed 11th nationally in rushing (113.9 yards a game) despite missing one contest with a bunion on his left big toe and gaining just five yards on six carries the following week.

Best of all, Green fumbled just once all season—on a bad pitchout.

In three seasons, Green has rushed for 2,633 yards and needs 563 to pass Theotis Brown, Wendell Tyler and Freeman McNeil, and reach the top of the UCLA list.

White and Thomas have the highest career totals of the returning rushers—3,054 and 2,982 yards respectively—and are tied for the scoring lead with 162 points.

The list of top 20 running backs also includes Minnesota's Darrell Thompson, who finished 12th nationally with 1,240 yards as a 1986 freshman; Navy's Chuck Smith (No. 15), San Jose State's Kenny Jackson (16th), Army wishbone quarterback Tory Crawford (18th), Tulsa's Derrick Ellison (19th) and Eastern Michigan's Gary Patton (20th).

Others to watch: Iowa's Rick Bayless and David Hudson, Miami of Florida's Melvin Bratton, Oklahoma's Lydell Carr, Pitt's Craig Heyward, Texas Christian's Tony Jeffery, Utah's Eddie Johnson, Nebraska's Keith "End Zone" Jones, Southern Cal's Ryan Knight, Michigan's Jamie Morris, Stanford's Muster, Arkansas' James Rouse, Florida State's Sammie Smith, Georgia's Lars Tate and Penn State's Blair Thomas.

A word about Muster. Although he lines up at running back, his 170 career receptions are tops among returning players (Zeno has 159), and he ranks fifth among returning rushers with 2,397 yards. As a result, he also leads the list of active players with 4,159 all-purpose yards.

Since every scrimmage play starts with a center snap, it seems strange that the only center with outstanding preseason credentials is Arizona's Joe Tofflemire.

The top offensive tackles include Southern Cal's Dave Cadigan, Michigan's John Elliott, Oklahoma's Greg Johnson, Russell Moses of Rice, Baylor's Joel Porter, Arizona's Jeff Rinehart, Florida State's Pat Tomberlin and Florida's David Williams.

The list of guards is somewhat deeper, headed by LSU's Eric Andolsek, Arkansas' 350-pound Freddie Childress, Alabama's Bill Condon (a spring knee injury may cost him the season), Tennessee's Harry Galbreath, Oklahoma's Mark Hutson and Anthony Phillips, Iowa's Bob Kratch, Arizona State's Randall McDaniel, Clemson's John Phillips and Pitt's Mark Stepnoski.

Others include Paul Jetton of Texas, Northern Illinois' Ted Karamanos, Washington State's Mike Utley, Joe Wolf of Boston College and Washington's Mike Zandofsky.

Four of the top five field-goal kickers are back—again, the NCAA bases it on a per-game average—led by Virginia Tech's Chris Kinzer, who connected on 22 of 27. Tied for second with the departed John Carney of Notre Dame were Arizona's Gary Coston (21 of 24), Texas A&M's Scott Slater (21 of 27) and Fresno State's Barry Belli (21 of 31).

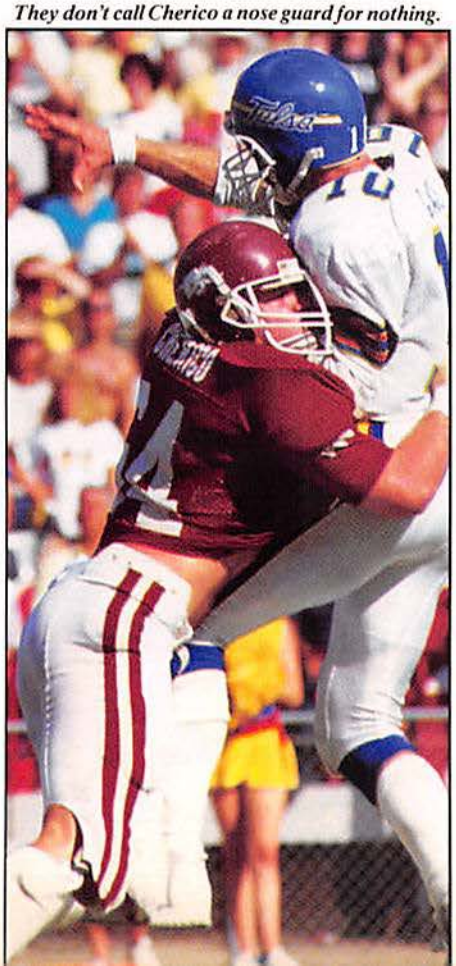
Other holdovers from the 1986 top 20 include Kentucky's Joe Worley and Brian Lowe of Boston College (tied for No. 8), TCU's Lee Newman and Temple's Bill Wright (tied for 12th), Arizona State's Kent Bostrom, Missouri's Tom Whelihan, Miami of Ohio's Gary Gussman, San Jose State's Sergio Olivarez, Florida State's Derek Schmidt (tied for 14th) and BYU's Leonard Chitty (20th).

There are three constants in this world: (1) death, (2) taxes and (3) you win with defense.

The three returning members of the AP's All-America defensive unit are Hawaii tackle Al Noga, Ohio State linebacker Chris Spielman and Miami of Florida free safety Bennie Blades, who led the nation with 10 interceptions.

Also returning are three second-teamers: outside linebacker Marcus Cotton of Southern Cal, Arkansas nose guard Tony Cherico and Oklahoma strong safety David Vickers;

They don't call Cherico a nose guard for nothing.



and three third-teamers: outside backers Darrell Reed of Oklahoma and Van Waiters of Indiana and Florida State cornerback Deion Sanders.

Others to watch:

Down linemen: Washington's Dennis Brown, Mississippi State's Anthony Butts, Fresno State's Jethro Franklin, BYU's David Futrell, North Carolina's Tim Goad, Iowa's Dave Haight, Chad Hennings of Air Force, West Virginia's Brad Hunt, Bowling Green's Greg Johnson, Miami of Ohio's Andrew Marlatt, Michigan's Mark Messner, Texas A&M's Sammy O'Brient, Clemson's Michael Dean Perry, Auburn's Tracy Rocker, Troy Schultz of Ball State, Miami of Florida's Danny Stubbs, UCLA's Terry Tumey and California's Majett Whiteside.

Outside linebackers: Auburn's Aundray Bruce, Florida's Clifford Charlton, Notre Dame's Cedric Figaro, Arizona's Boomer Gibson, Bowling Green's John Hunter, Ohio State's Eric Kumerow, Texas Tech's Michael Johnson, UCLA's Eric Smith and Nebraska's Broderick Thomas.

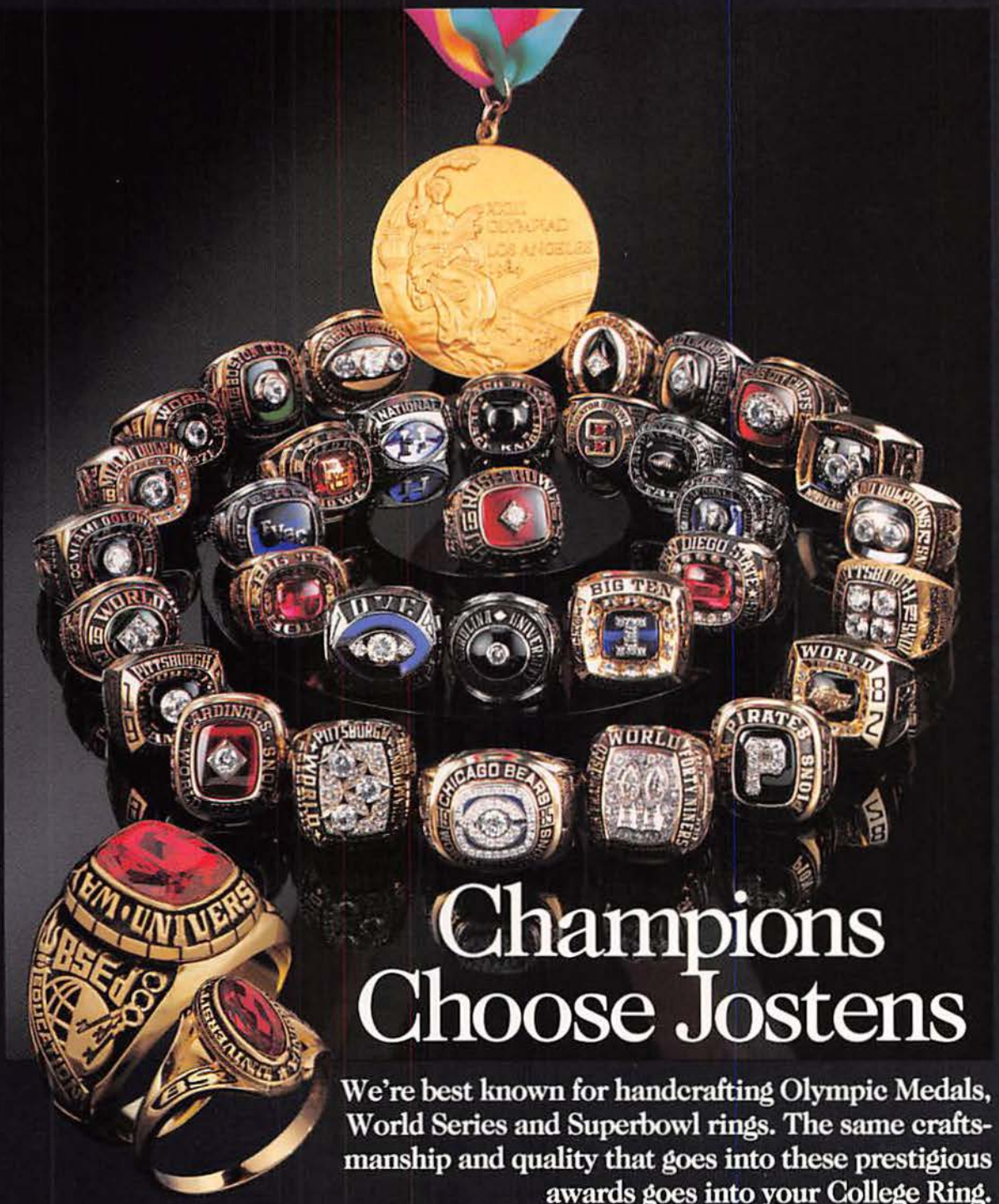
Inside linebackers: Penn State's Trey Bauer and Pete Giftopoulos, Georgia's John Brantley, Southern Cal's Keith Davis and Rex Moore, Washington State's Brian Forde, Vanderbilt's Chris Gaines, Southern Mississippi's Onesimus Henry, Mississippi's Jeff Herrod, Toledo's Steve Huffman, Miami of Florida's George Mira, Florida State's Paul McGowan, UCLA's Ken Norton Jr., Washington's David Rill, Bill Romanowski of Boston College, Purdue's Fred Strickland, Wyoming's Galand Thaxton and Tennessee's Kelly Ziegler.

Backs: Arkansas' Steve Atwater and Richard Brothers, Arizona's Chuck Cecil, Texas A&M's Kip Corrington, Oklahoma's Ricky Dixon, San Diego State's Harold Hicks and Mario Mitchell, Georgia Tech's Riccardo Ingram, Missouri's Adrian Jones, Alabama's Kermit Kendrick, Mississippi's Stevon Moore, Oregon's Anthony Newman, Oregon State's Lavance Northington, Pitt's Billy Owens, Arizona State's Anthony Parker, Colorado's Mickey Pruitt, BYU's Rodney Thomas, UCLA's James Washington, Miami of Ohio's Sheldon White, Florida's Jarvis Williams and Clemson's Donnell Woolford.

The returning punters are led by two-time All-American Barry Helton of Colorado. Helton finished fourth nationally last year with a 45.6 average, behind returnees Alexander Waits of Texas (No. 2 with a 46.13 average) and TCU's Chris Becker (3rd, 46.05).

Other holdovers from the top 20 include Auburn's Brian Shulman (6th); Georgia's Cris Carpenter (7th), if he doesn't turn to professional baseball; Ohio State's Tom Tupa (10th); Wisconsin's Scott Cepicky (12th); Utah State's Herick Mandel (13th); UCLA's Harold Barkate (15th); California's Scott Tabor (19th); and Tennessee's Bob Garmon (20th).

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The Nebraska-Oklahoma game of 1971, which Nebraska won 35–31 on Oklahoma's home field at Norman, was voted the best college game ever by a national panel of sportswriters. There have been 18 straight showdowns, and one rematch in the Orange Bowl (1979), without controversy, fights on the field or rancorous consequences.

It was a different story at the outset of the 1960s when Bud Wilkinson was in the twilight of his dynasty at Oklahoma, and Nebraska was nearing the end of a slump that lasted 20 years.

Bill Jennings, former Oklahoma end and assistant to Wilkinson, went to Nebraska as head coach in 1957, the year the Sooners' 47-game winning streak ended. Jennings became embroiled in a controversy with Wilkinson over the recruitment of Monte Kiffin, a Lexington, Neb., schoolboy who was to be better known as a coach than a player. Kiffin, a tackle, attended Nebraska.

However, Jennings did not let the controversy die. He accused Oklahoma of recruiting infractions that he said he learned of after leaving Wilkinson's staff. That resulted in an NCAA investigation and Oklahoma was placed on probation in 1960. The rivalry became bitter and Jennings became

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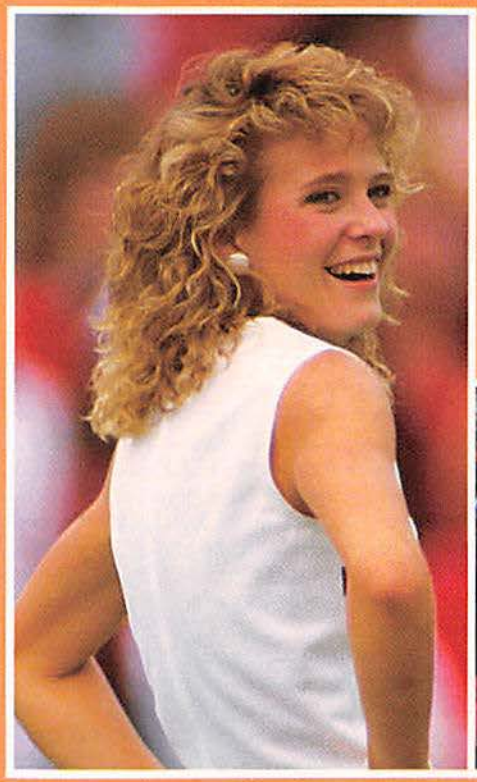
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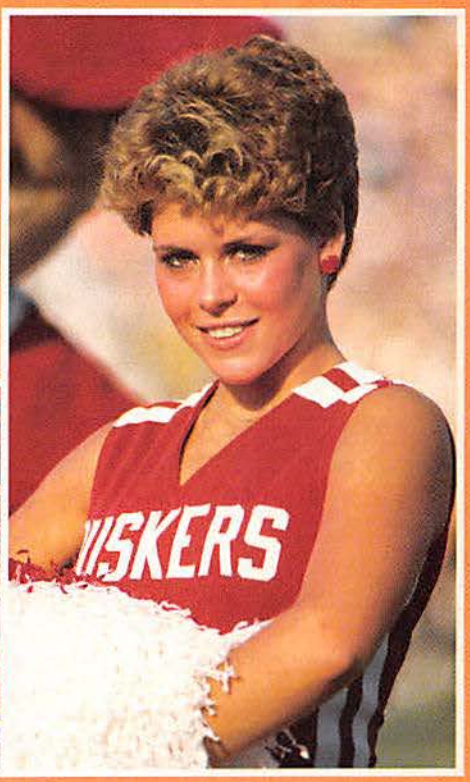


The Great Rivalries

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They stand up to be counted, the alumni do, in Norman and Lincoln when the Sooners and Cornhuskers battle. And the yells, whether elicited by a vivacious cheerleader from Oklahoma or Nebraska, sound through a packed stadium.





a villain in his native state. But he had the satisfaction of seeing his 1959 team end Oklahoma's string of 74 consecutive games without a defeat in conference play (72 under Wilkinson) with a 25–21 victory at Lincoln. The following season, Jennings' team defeated Oklahoma 17–14 at Norman.

Those were two of only 11 games Nebraska has won against Oklahoma since 1942. Jennings was fired after the 1961 season, and the rivalry's current competitive yet harmonious tone took shape when Bob Devaney arrived at Nebraska.

Wilkinson retired after the 1963 season. Oklahoma won Wilkinson's final conference championship in 1962, when Devaney's first team at Lincoln was runner-up. Devaney's 1963 team dethroned Wilkinson's final team, and Nebraska, despite having perfect conference records spoiled by Oklahoma in 1964 and 1966, became the Big Eight's dominant team until Chuck Fairbanks revived the Sooners in 1967. Fairbanks also enhanced the rivalry's civility because of his relationship with Devaney.

Fairbanks, who was elevated to head coach at Oklahoma following the death of Jim Mackenzie, was an end at Michigan State in the mid-'50s when Devaney was the Spartans' end coach. They were friends, and their mutual trust and respect influenced their assistants.

Oklahoma ended Nebraska's string of conference championships at four in Fairbanks' first season, and the Sooners shared the 1968 title with Kansas, thanks in part to one of the series' few blowouts of modern times: 47–0, when Oklahoma tailback Steve Owens (who won the Heisman Trophy the following year) set a Big Eight record by scoring five touchdowns. The next year, with an outstanding sophomore class that would be the backbone of two national championship teams (1970-71), Devaney got even with a 44–14 victory over Oklahoma.

Those crushing defeats and the competition that took on national significance in 1970-72 did not alter the relationship between Devaney and Fairbanks. When Devaney retired following the 1972 season (he has remained Nebraska's athletic director), he was offered coaching and general manager jobs by the New England Patriots. He declined and recommended Fairbanks, who accepted. Tom Osborne and Barry Switzer, ranking assistants, were chosen in 1973 to replace Devaney and Fairbanks respectively. The rivalry developed into a staple in the national championship sweepstakes, and the harmony continued.

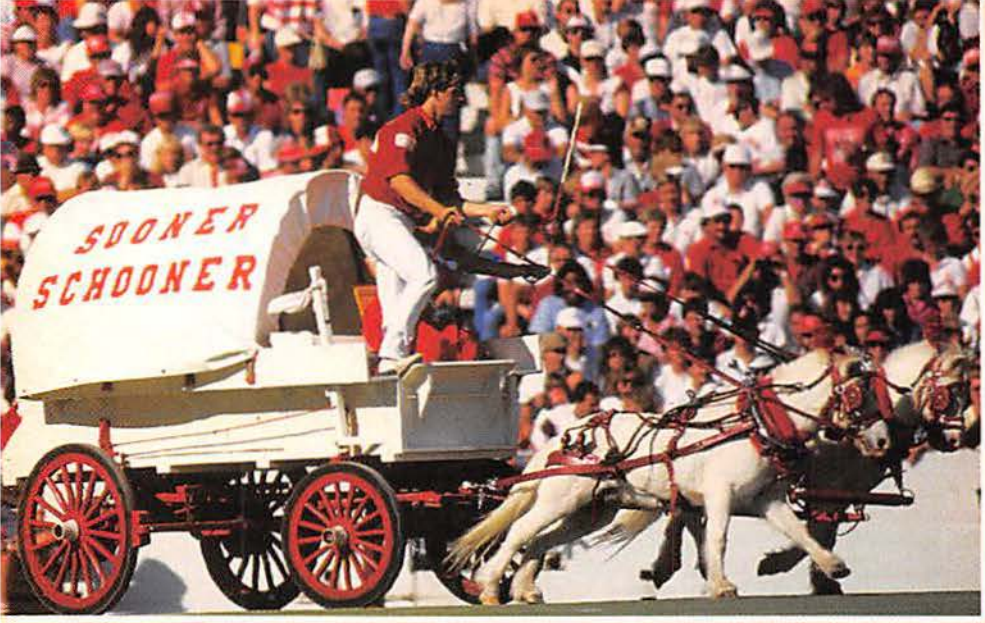
The nearest thing to a flap between Switzer and Osborne occurred during the 1987 recruiting season, when Nebraska went 2–0 vs. Oklahoma in down-to-the-wire battles for two blue-chip backs. Shortly after signing quarterback Mickey Joseph of New Orleans, Nebraska also signed running back Leodis Flowers of Omaha, with a defaulting assist from Switzer. Switzer violated a rule by discussing Flowers, before his signing, with newsmen in Omaha. When a television station aired Switzer's comments, the Big Eight's announcement that he was in violation enabled Nebraska to get Flowers' signature. Switzer said he thought he had been entrapped. But he did not place the blame on Osborne.

The Switzer-Osborne relationship is bonded by professional respect. They are from opposite poles. Osborne is quiet, colorless and devoutly religious. Switzer is outgoing and earthy. Yet when an Oklahoma City newspaper called for Switzer to be fired in 1982 (when the Sooners were in a two-year slump), Osborne defended Switzer.

In Oklahoma's 1975 victory over Nebraska, Sooner cornerback Jerry Anderson knocked wingback Curtis Craig out of the game with a blow to the head. There was no penalty. When Switzer viewed the play on film the following day, he said, "I bet Tom will be upset when he sees this. I'm going to call him and assure him we don't coach that or approve of it." To Switzer's surprise, Osborne had no complaints. A year later, when Texas Coach Darrell Royal complained of Oklahoma's high tackling and sought to enlist Osborne's help in filing a protest to the coaches' association, the Nebraska coach declined.

Switzer is more compatible socially with Devaney. The night before the 1980 Nebraska-Oklahoma game at Lincoln, when the winner would go to the Orange Bowl and the loser to the Sun Bowl (Oklahoma went on to win the Orange Bowl game), Switzer showed up uninvited on Devaney's television show with a sack of tacos; Devaney roared with laughter. Switzer has become an annual, invited guest on Devaney's show

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Oklahoma tradition: the wagon rumbles on the field after a score.

The Great Rivalries

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the night before Oklahoma's games in Lincoln.

While Osborne is appalled by the lax and clowning manner that Oklahoma conducts its Friday practices, Switzer has never been as cavalier on the day before a game as Devaney was before the 1972 Oklahoma game. It was the retiring Devaney's farewell game at Lincoln. The Cornhuskers had failed in their bid to win three straight national championships but were heavy favorites to defeat the Sooners, whose best running backs were disabled.

After their final practice, the Cornhuskers and Devaney sat in their dressing room devouring huge amounts of ribs and barbecue. Devaney told jokes and the players gorged themselves.

Being overstuffed may not have been a factor, but the next day the Cornhuskers faded in the fourth quarter, after leading 14–0, and were upset 17–14.

That was the start of an amazing string of fourth-quarter comebacks by Oklahoma that haunted Osborne. Switzer, the nation's winningest active coach (by percentage), has an 11–4 record against Osborne, who ranks third behind Switzer and Joe Paterno. In six of those victories, the Sooners came from behind or broke ties in the fourth quarter. In the fourth quarters of those six games, and the 1972 game, Oklahoma outscored Nebraska 102–7. "Fourth-quarter magic," Switzer calls it.

At Lincoln in 1974, Oklahoma clinched its first of three national championships under Switzer by storming from behind with three long touchdown drives, the last two in the fourth quarter, to win 28–14. The Sooners put themselves in position to win the 1975 title by exploding for 28 unanswered points and a 35–10 victory. They pulled out a 21–17 victory at Lincoln in 1980 on a belated 43-yard run by halfback Buster Rhymes and an improbable pass. They knocked Nebraska out of the national championship in 1984 at Lincoln with 10 points and a goal-line stand in the fourth quarter of a 17–7 upset. Last November they scored two field goals and a touchdown, primarily on tight end Keith Jackson's acrobatic receptions, in the fleeting minutes to win at Lincoln 20–17.

Sometimes it appears destiny rides shotgun for the Sooners. Their most incredible comeback occurred in 1976 at Lincoln, when both teams were off their pedestals and the winner could only share the Big Eight title with Colorado and Oklahoma State. Oklahoma's defense was ravaged by injuries and was so vulnerable that strong safety and co-captain Scott Hill, currently an Oklahoma assistant coach, said in the pregame prayer, "Please, God, don't let the best team win."

The Cornhuskers appeared to have the game won with a 17–13 lead. The Sooners were pinned near their goal line, time was running out and a wind was roaring that was cold even by Nebraska standards. Oklahoma decided to use a flea-flicker pass. Halfback Elvis Peacock was supposed to throw it but had an injured shoulder. Woodie Shepard, a reserve who had never passed in a game, startled everyone with a 47-yard bomb caught by split end Steve Rhodes. The Sooners beat the clock to score and win 20–17. Kiffin, Nebraska's defensive coordinator who had been tormented by Oklahoma's previous comebacks against his highly respected units, was so crushed that he had to be helped from the field by players.

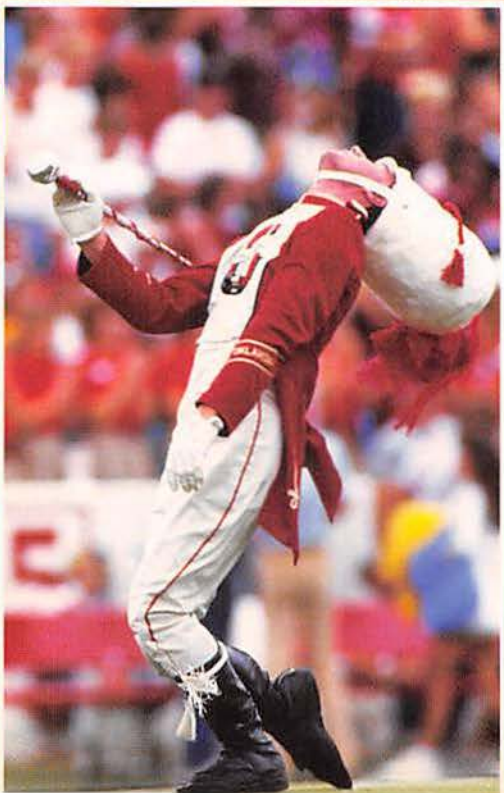
In 1984, when Nebraska was No. 1 and out-yarded Oklahoma 373–201, the Sooners' comeback at Lincoln left Bob Kerrey, Nebraska's bachelor governor, and his friend, actress Debra Winger, and other dazed fans wondering what happened as they left the stadium.

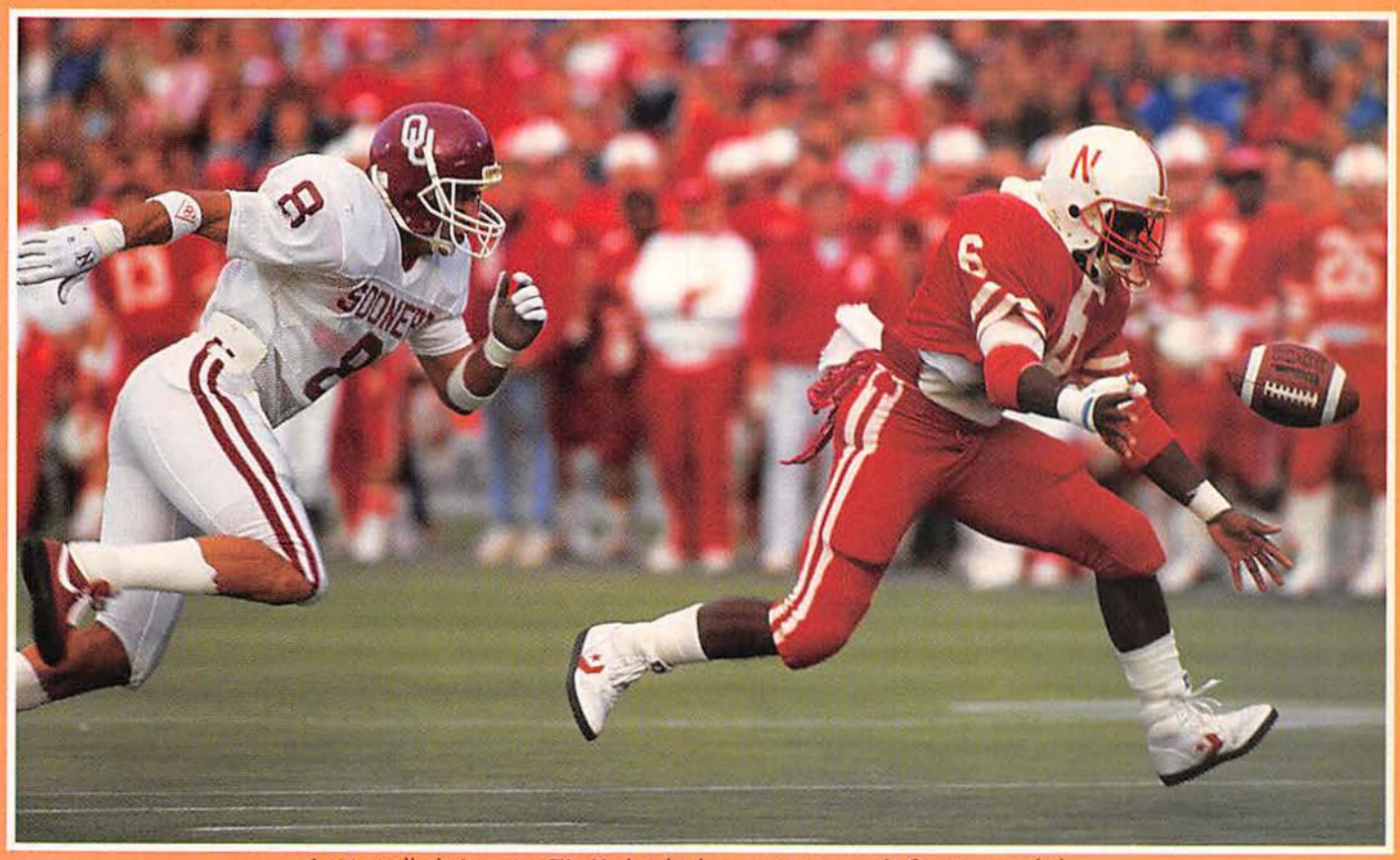
For all the Sooners' comebacks, however, the game of games in this rivalry was won by Nebraska 16 years ago. The Cornhuskers had won the 1970 national championship with an outstanding junior class, featuring tailback Jeff Kinney and quarterback Jerry Tagge, and a marvelous sophomore wingback, Johnny Rodgers. Nebraska was favored to repeat in 1971 and was magnificent in

They all stick together at dear old Nebraska U., while the Sooner drum major struts alone.









A picture tells the '86 story: The Huskers let the game get away as the Sooners overtook them.

outclassing its opposition the entire season.

But by early October it was obvious that Oklahoma was also extraordinary, in its second season with the wishbone offense and blessed with a gifted pair of All-Americans, quarterback Jack Mildren and halfback Greg Pruitt. Excitement mounted as No. 1 Nebraska and No. 2 Oklahoma majestically marched to a season-ending showdown at Norman. Devaney had his players' food flown from Lincoln in case gamblers induced a hotel chef to give the Cornhuskers food poisoning.

Nebraska, clearly a better overall team, won 35–31. But the game lived up to its billing—the lead changed hands four times—because, Devaney acknowledged, of a tactical defensive error. The Cornhuskers moved their speedy safety, Bill Kosch, to cornerback and played him man-to-man on split end Jon Harrison. Mildren's passing to Harrison almost nullified Nebraska's superiority.

Nebraska's defensive line in 1971 was perhaps the best in Big Eight history. Tackle Larry Jacobson was the Outland Trophy winner that year, but he may have been the third-best player in the Cornhuskers' line. Nose guard Rich Glover was better (he won the Outland and Lombardi in 1972) and so was end Willie Harper (of San Francisco 49ers fame). John Dutton alternated at tackle with Bill Janssen. Monte Johnson was a backup tackle. Johnson never started at Nebraska but was a starter on the Oakland Raiders' 1977 Super Bowl champions.

Harper throttled Pruitt's sweeps, and Glover smothered everything Oklahoma tried to run inside. But Mildren made the Cornhuskers pay dearly for using all their other backs to support against the run. Mildren ran the option for 130 yards and two touchdowns. That did not surprise Nebraska nearly as much as his passing. He passed to Harrison for two touchdowns and gained 188 yards, giving him 318 yards total offense.

"Mildren was not a great passer," says Devaney, "but we made him look like he was by having Kosch, who was not used to playing man-to-man, covering Harrison by himself all over the field."

Nebraska's all-purpose excellence overcame Mildren. Rodgers scored the game's first touchdown on a 72-yard punt return. Kinney scored four touchdowns on short plunges, the last, which won the game, with less than two minutes left. Tagge completed a third-down pass to Rodgers on the winning drive. Glover's was perhaps the most dominating defensive performance of the series.

"We did not feel badly about losing the game and the national championship," Fairbanks said. "We had our time at bat; Nebraska was just better."

It was different when the Cornhuskers upset the Sooners 17–14 at Lincoln in 1978. Oklahoma was No. 1. Nebraska strong safety Jim Pillen recovered halfback Billy Sims' fumble at the Cornhuskers' 3-yard line on the Sooners' last possession, which gave Osborne his first victory over Switzer.

"I lost the game, the national championship and the Heisman on that fumble," Sims said. He was not completely correct. He received the Heisman, but the Sooners, with that one defeat, finished third behind Alabama and Southern California.

"Most years, I think the team with the best players has won the Oklahoma-Nebraska game," Switzer says. "But not '78."

Before the series became a national attraction, Nebraska won a game that would have normally been an occasion for Lincoln to explode with celebration. It clinched Devaney's first Big Eight championship. The game was played on Nov. 23, 1963, one day after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

Wilkinson directed the Physical Fitness Council for Kennedy and knew the family. The Sooners were in Lincoln when they learned of the tragedy in Dallas. Many college games were canceled. After talking by telephone with Robert Kennedy, Wilkinson said the president's family felt he would have wanted the games to be played. Wilkinson met with officials of both schools and decided to proceed with the game.

Nebraska won 29–20, nailing down the conference championship and a bid to the Orange Bowl.

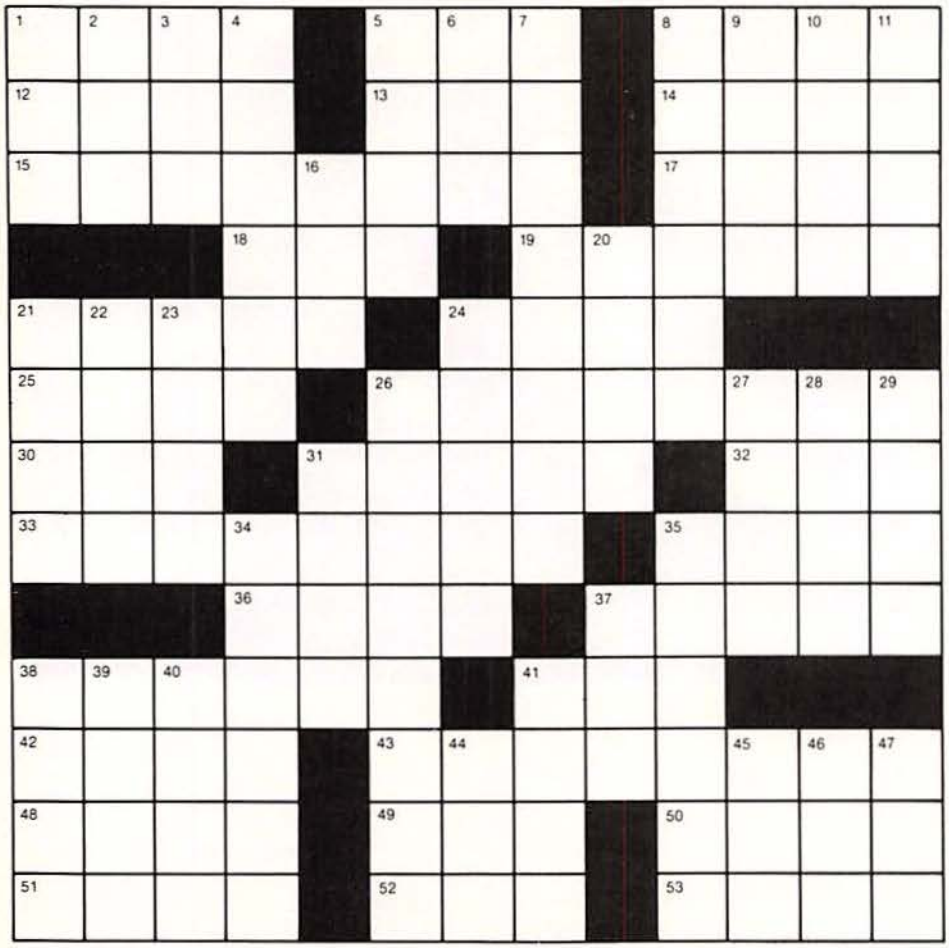
"But no one felt like celebrating," Devaney says.

Every victory in the series since then, however, has been cause for celebration.

END

Questions That Deserve Answers

Prepared by Football Historian Tim Cohane





Star in 1948 Rose Bowl (21 down)



The Earle of Columbus (31 across)

ACROSS

1. Famed Hokie end
5. McCallum of Navy
8. Many college songs begin
12. Wondrous Wolverine Williamson
13. Mustang tackle, 1935 SWC champs
14. Kerr's Count of Colgate
15. Osborne's Cornhuskers
17. Hart from Turkey Creek
18. Chucklehead chant: "We're No. ___!"
19. Sooner QB, first name Gene
21. Coaches live by it
24. Where Vols' Cooper and Vandy's Parker line up (abbr.)
25. Center of Seven Iron Dukes
26. What academics too seldom get
30. Parseghian
31. Leads the Buckeyes
32. Legendary Georgetown guard
33. Officials' main action
35. Camp played/coached here: City of ____
36. Bad pep band is seldom in ____
37. Beginning of offensive drive
38. Star Texas back, 1969 champs
41. College Station team
42. Recruiter is responsible for his ____
43. They halt many a march
48. Head coach is the ____
49. Nation of football fans
50. Houston center
51. Iowa's All-Big Ten end in 1923-24
52. Former Nebraska QB ___ner Gill
53. Has finally required recruit must have the three R's

DOWN

1. Roar of the crowd
2. Daniell, Pitt Hall of Fame tackle
3. To some coaches a bad word
4. Matriculate
5. Defensive anchor; tackle or guard
6. Guard Limbo Parks' school (abbr.)
7. Never makes perfect
8. Loud protest
9. Zone defense segment
10. Penn State safety
11. Upfront
16. In '42, Holy Cross upset BC 55-12; nickname of winning coach
20. Indispensable to kicking success (two words)
21. Chappuis of Maize and Blue; nickname
22. Alums fire; ADs ____
23. First name, Badger fullback who won 1954 Heisman
24. Captain of 1937 Seven Blocks of Granite
26. Computer scouting report
27. Injuries, turnovers, penalties
28. Last quarter savior
29. "Hurry Up!"
31. UCLA colors: ____ and Gold
34. Ahead 21-0, 10 seconds to go, how do you feel, coach?
35. What Navy QB Byrne becomes in June
37. Traditional unsungs (abbr.)
38. Fordham tackle of 1930s
39. Unimpeded ball carrier can ____
40. Even Messner and Bosworth need it
41. Where scouts search for soccer sidewinders
44. Seminoles (abbr.)
45. Mister Inside
46. What to rate great players by
47. Destination of Annapolis graduates

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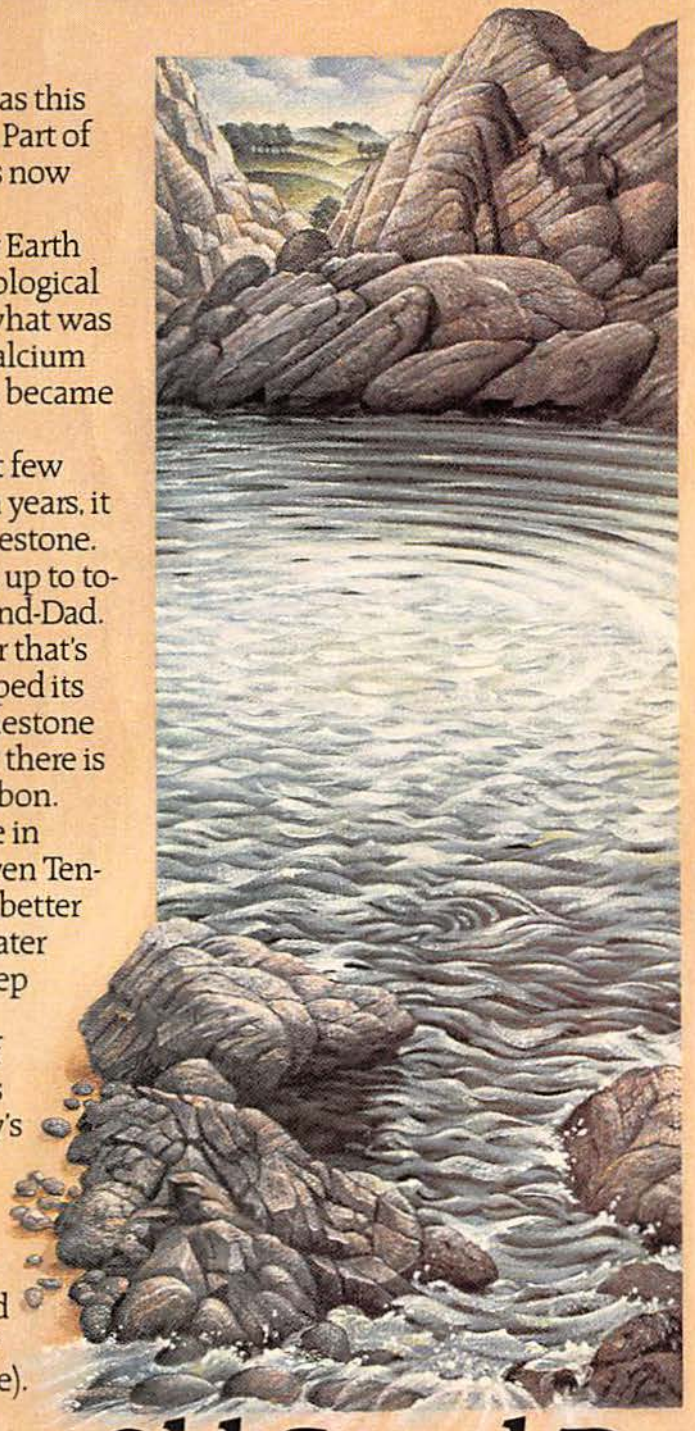
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(Big Eight Predictions continued)

defensive front. Outside linebacker (end) Broderick Thomas is a terror at rushing quarterbacks. Tackles Neil Smith and Lee Jones are all-star candidates, too.

Nebraska likes to get the football into the hands of I-back Keith Jones. This 180-pounder is the fastest player the Cornhuskers have ever had. He scored 14 touchdowns last season and led the league in rushing.

Watch out for Colorado.

The Buffaloes project as the third-best team in the Big Eight. Defensive tackle Curt Koch (6-8, 265) is the leader, an Outland Trophy hopeful. Linebacker Don DeLuzio and safety Mickey Pruitt are key people. Pruitt made 106 stops last season, enhancing his reputation as a hitter.

Punter Barry Helton, a two-time consensus All-American, figures in the defensive outlook. His net average last season was 42.3.

Eight starters are back again on offense. Sophomore halfback O.C. Oliver has the spotlight.

Oklahoma State is young, but it figures to be a scrappy No. 4 team in the Big Eight. Sixteen starters return, including Heisman Trophy hopeful Thurman Thomas, who ran hurt last year but still gained 741 yards, and sophomore quarterback Mike Gundy.

Gundy stirred up mid-America last season, throwing for 1,525 yards. Hart Lee Dykes does a lot of the catching. The 6-4 junior wide-out set a school record with 60 receptions and wants more.

This is an important season for Coach Woody Widenhofer and the Missouri Tigers. They need to win. The coach is looking to the defense, especially the secondary, featuring Adrian Jones and Erik McMillan. The defense has seven starters returning.

Ronnie Cameron's running ability at quarterback caused Missouri to switch to the triple option. With 2,055 career yards rushing, halfback Darrell Wallace is just 303 from the school record. Guard Jeff Rigman is the lone returning regular in the offensive line. It's fifth place for the Tigers.

Kansas State, ready for a second season under Coach Stan Parrish, will spotlight tailback Tony Jordan. Pencil in the Wildcats for sixth.

The Kansas Jayhawks hope to make football a little more fun. They did not find losses to Oklahoma (64-3) and Nebraska (70-0) a pleasant way to spend November Saturdays. Among the survivors are wide receiver Willie Vaughn and runner-receiver Arnold Snell. Linebacker Rick Bredesen and end Teddy Newman are defensive strengths.

Iowa State and new Coach Jim Walden are rebuilding the offensive line, the secondary and the kicking game. The Big Eight can be a harsh training ground for youngsters. The Cyclones do have a heavy hitter in linebacker Chris Moore (145 tackles last season), but look for them at the bottom of the league.

END

ALL-BIG EIGHT

Offense

Placekicker
Thomas Whelihan
Missouri

Thurman Thomas
Oklahoma State

Keith Jones
Nebraska

Willie Vaughn
Kansas

Jamelle Holieway
Oklahoma

Keith Jackson
Oklahoma

Keven Lightner
Nebraska

Mark Hutson
Oklahoma

Rob Goode
Kansas St.

Anthony Phillips
Oklahoma

Greg Johnson
Oklahoma

Hart Lee Dykes
Oklahoma State

Darrell Reed
Oklahoma

Curt Koch
Colorado

Neil Smith
Nebraska

Broderick Thomas
Nebraska

LeRoy Etienne
Nebraska

Chris Moore
Iowa State

Dante Jones
Oklahoma

Mickey Pruitt
Colorado

Erik McMillan
Missouri

Ricky Dixon
Oklahoma

David Vickers
Oklahoma

Punter
Barry Helton
Colorado

Defense

IOWA STATE

Brett Sadek lies awake in bed sometimes, wondering what might have been. He thinks back to 1983, his freshman year at the University of Minnesota when he was the starting quarterback. He thinks about the Illinois game, when he tossed three touchdown passes against the Big Ten champions. He thinks about the career that looked so promising then.

Now, four years—and four coaches—later, Sadek gets his comeback chance as quarterback at Iowa State under the Cyclones' new coach, Jim Walden.

It has been a long, frustrating trail.

In Sadek's words, "You go from throwing three touchdown passes against the Big Ten's Rose Bowl team to sitting on the bench the next year."

Well known in the state of Minnesota, Sadek was virtually a stranger to Iowa State fans when he transferred. "I was a nobody," he says.

And then leaving your home state university in hopes of a better life as a quarterback at a neighbor state school.

Sadek passed for 757 yards and seven touchdowns his first season at Minnesota. But Joe Salem was fired after that 1-10 campaign. New Coach Lou Holtz installed an option attack, and Sadek lost his job to Rickey Foggie, a younger, quicker player.

Actually, Sadek didn't spend all his time on the bench as a sophomore at Minnesota. He played in every game, but his numbers tapered off to 395 yards and only one touchdown pass.

Jim Criner's pro-style passing attack at Iowa State looked attractive to someone who had thrown for more than 4,000 yards and 40 touchdowns at Rosemount High School in Apple Valley, Minn.

Sadek left Minnesota for one simple reason: offensive style. Holtz ran the option and Sadek is not an option quarterback.

Sadek's father, who once played for Minnesota, understood his son's dilemma and supported the move.

"He said, 'If I were you, I'd transfer,' " Sadek says.

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Sadek sat out the season as a transfer in 1985. Last year he was the backup quarterback as Alex Espinoza spent his final year breaking most of Dave Archer's passing records at Iowa State. Now, with Espinoza gone, Sadek apparently will be the starter.

Criner is history, fired in the aftermath of an NCAA investigation that stemmed primarily from the illegal recruiting of junior college players. Walden calls the shots now, and as Sadek noted, "It puts you back to square one."

Walden, a college quarterback himself at Wyoming when Nebraska Athletic Director Bob Devaney coached the Cowboys, likes strong-armed quarterbacks. And he likes to throw. His Washington State teams twice led the Pacific-10 Conference in offense. But will he prefer Sadek?

The Cyclones have four returning quarterbacks on scholarship. Walden insists they'll start even, regardless of experience. The others are Derek DeGennaro, a redshirt in '86 who was second-string two years ago, and youngsters Bob Petersen and Mark Kamies, who have not played a down.

Some new coaches might shy away from a fifth-year senior in favor of a younger player to build for the future. Not Walden.

"If he is the best I've got, that's who I'll go with, and we'll start all over next year," he says. "But he has to beat out the young guys. He has to be conclusively better."

If it's 50-50, the younger man wins. "Anybody would be a fool to do anything else," Walden says.

Sadek has learned a lot of offensive philosophy over the years. His father was his high school coach at Rosemount. Naturally, football was their favorite topic during car rides and around the house.

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When Brett Sadek threw in with Iowa State, he didn't know that, as a senior, he'd wind up playing under his fourth college coach.





Joe Henderson, the Cyclones' leading returning rusher, will run behind a rebuilt line.

(Iowa State continued)

"I got a lot of extra coaching," says Sadek, who called some of his own plays in high school. "He knows what he's talking about."

Sadek was considered the No. 1 high school prospect in Minnesota his senior year.

Then came four college coaches in five years. Oddly, Sadek had a similar experience as a hockey star. He had four different high school coaches in that sport.

Walden sees no advantage in the coaching roulette that has plagued Sadek's college football career.

"I can't think of anything good about it," says Walden. "I would hate for my son to go through that. There's nothing to be gained.

"Can he throw? That's the main thing. Every quarterback who comes here will have a chance if he meets that criterion."

Walden's Washington State teams averaged 25 to 30 passes per game. Five of his quarterbacks earned at least a year's worth of paychecks in pro football, most notably Jack Thompson with Cincinnati and Tampa Bay.

"I'm more concerned about a strong throwing arm than I am about fast feet," says Walden.

That's good news for Sadek, a 6-2, 201-pounder.

"I think I'm quick enough to move around in the pocket and get the ball off," he says. "But I'm not going to break one for 60 yards with my speed. I was not put on this earth to run the ball."

Sadek was trying to shake a nagging hip injury during the off-season, but he expects to be at full strength this fall. "They've taken X-rays but they don't know what it is," he says. "I aggravated it somehow. It's given me a lot of pain." He originally hurt the hip against Iowa his sophomore year with the Gophers.

Sadek, who completed 12 of 22 passes for 179 yards and three touchdowns last season, is confident he'll be the Cyclones' starting quarterback. But he knows that DeGennaro, a junior who started against Oklahoma in 1985 before breaking his wrist, will supply stiff competition.

Actually, finding a No. 1 quarterback is not Walden's biggest concern in his new job. Bodies are. At best, Iowa State could have 74 players on scholarship this season, 21 under the maximum allowed by the NCAA.

The NCAA probe into Criner's program cost four scholarships and two years probation as penance. Attrition over the years took away other players who were not replaced. So Walden will not be dealing a full deck this year, nor probably in the next few years as he rebuilds.

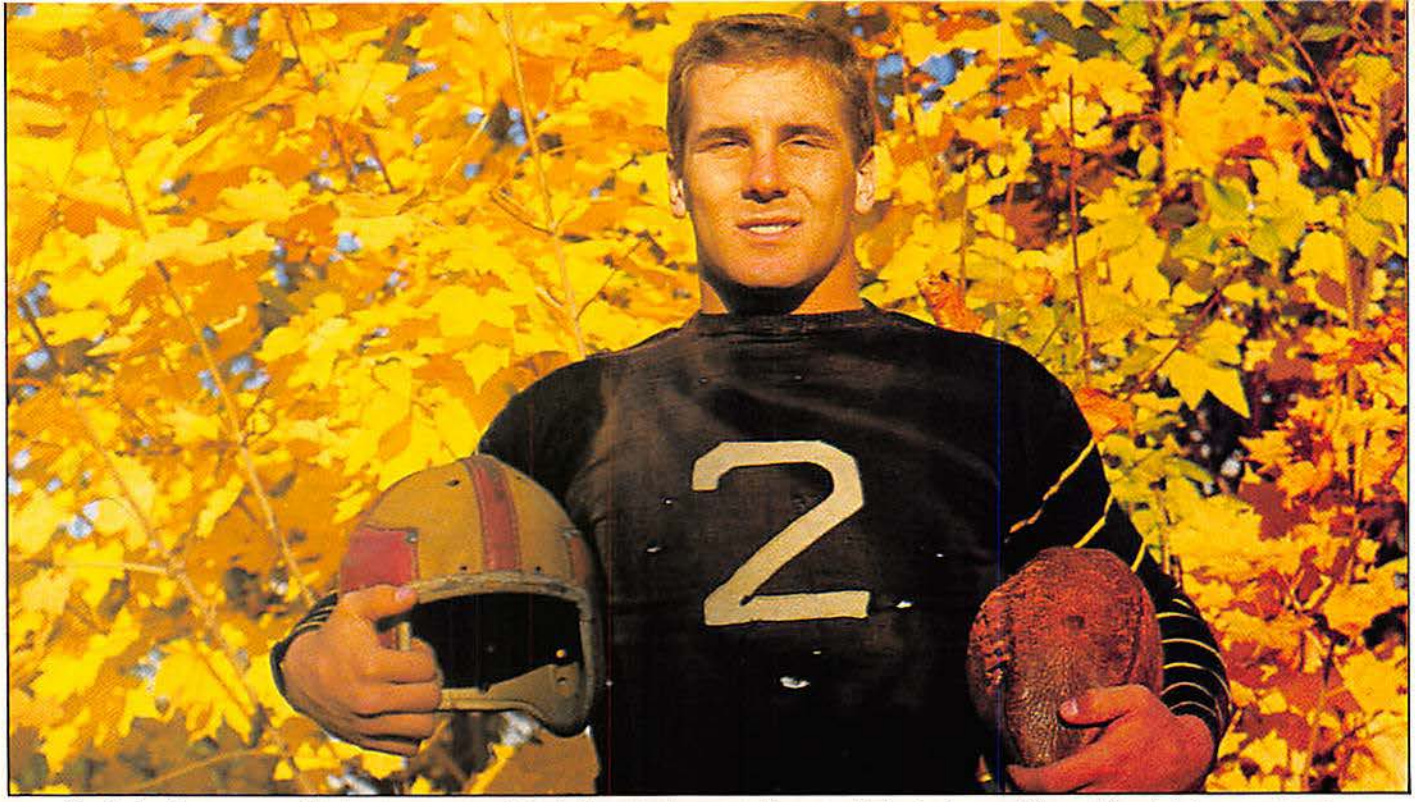
Walden thinks that the NCAA and its member colleges should grant Iowa State an extra 10 scholarships in the "spirit of competition" to make the sides more even, but he knows, of course, it won't happen.

"Something happened to cause these numbers," says Walden, a little distressed, "but neither Iowa State nor Jim Walden should have to be playing football at a I-AA level (70

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Keith Sims (69) is the motivating force in an otherwise inexperienced offensive front.


Iowa State
69



Gordie Lockbaum poses with the accouterments of football's antiquity, proper because, playing both ways (offense-defense), he's an anachronism.

A One-Man Gang, No One Way About It

by Dick Fenlon

Gordie Lockbaum has become accustomed to being referred to as a throwback to another era. However, probably because he is at that priceless stage in life when anyone over 30 must seem to be a living fossil, it appears that he is not quite sure when that era was.

Question: "Gordie, don't you think it would have been fun to play the game back when there were 11 people like you on every team?"

Answer: "Oh, I don't know. They didn't have much equipment in those days, did they? Besides, this way it's pretty much out of the ordinary. It's kind of neat in that sense."

Gordon Carl Lockbaum of Glassboro, N.J., and Holy Cross College, is more than out of the ordinary, and more than neat. He's a full-blown phenomenon—the most publicized two-way offensive-defensive player since Leroy Keyes made All-America at Purdue in 1967 and 1968. Keyes made it as an offensive back, but also was a part-time defensive back. Just as Lockbaum is now doing, he did it while competing against players who performed exclusively on offense or defense.

But Lockbaum, who became a two-way player at tailback and cornerback last season after starting at strong safety as a sophomore in 1985, plays more on defense than Keyes did. And he could go Keyes one better. Lockbaum is a candidate for the Heisman Trophy, won by O. J. Simpson in Keyes' senior season of 1968. Lockbaum finished fifth in the voting to Vinny Testaverde of Miami as a junior in 1986.

To win the Heisman, Lockbaum will need more than another memorable year. He will need to overcome whatever reservations the electorate might have about voting college football's most publicized award to a player who labors, however effectively and remarkably, in less glamorous and less publicized Division I-AA.

"I don't want to think about it too much," Lockbaum says of the Heisman, "because it would put too much pressure on me. I think if we keep on winning, I'll naturally get a lot of attention. If we stop winning, it won't happen at all. So the biggest thing for me is to concentrate on Holy Cross winning."

How did Lockbaum do that last year?

As tailback and cornerback, he played 105 downs against Lehigh in the 1986 opener, ran six times for 29 yards, caught a 20-yard pass, made five tackles, intercepted a pass and returned it 34 yards, and recovered two fumbles, one for a touchdown.

And that was only the beginning. In the Crusaders' two games against Division I-A teams— a 17-14 win over Army and a 56-26 loss to Boston College that spoiled a perfect season—Lockbaum was even busier.

Against Army, he was on the field for 143 plays, gained 40 yards in 11 runs and 73 on four pass receptions, made 19 tackles and assisted on three others. He helped preserve the victory by breaking up a pass on the Cadets' final drive.

Against archrival BC, he played 113 downs, gained 22 yards in three carries, caught 10 passes for 104 yards and two touchdowns, returned seven kickoffs for 107 yards, had 233 all-purpose yards, made a tackle and caused a fumble, and downed a punt on the 1-yard line.

Here's the final accounting:

- Took part in 1,005 of 1,599 plays, averaging 91 a game.
- Had 46 tackles, caused two fumbles, re-

covered two fumbles and intercepted a pass.

- Gained 827 yards and scored 14 touchdowns rushing, leading the team.
- Caught 57 passes for 860 yards and scored eight touchdowns on receptions, also leading the team.
- Returned 21 kickoffs for 452 yards.
- Ranked third nationally in Division I-AA with 2,173 all-purpose yards and accounted for more than 45 percent of Holy Cross' offensive yards.
- Led Division I-AA in scoring with 132 points on 22 touchdowns and one rare misdirection play.

"Against Colgate, I got knocked out of the game with a helmet in the face in the first quarter and had to have a few stitches (nine)," Lockbaum explains. "I came back in the second quarter. The first play was our most basic play, and, wouldn't you know, I ran it the wrong way. Coach took me out and asked me what I was doing. I couldn't tell him but I know it wasn't because of the hit."

The opposition surely grows weary of All-Around Lockbaum's presence on the field. One wonders if All-Around Lockbaum tires.

"Halfway through the first series, if it's a long series, I'm ready to go to the sideline for a break," he admits. "Then I ask myself, 'Why? You're going to get your second wind in a minute.' And a couple of plays later, I feel fine.

"I went for it from Day One when all of this started. I don't know how to describe it. There's just something inside me that makes me want to stay on the field. I convince my body that it's not tired. A lot of it is mental—not letting yourself think you're tired and persuading yourself to play on."

The Gordie Lockbaum phenomenon was born during spring practice in 1986. The Crusaders needed insurance at running back. Coach Mark Duffner, who had personally recruited Lockbaum, knew that he had been even better as a running back at Glassboro High than as a defensive back. "We felt we'd be covered by teaching Gordie the basic running plays," he says.

If there was a perfect player to pick to turn back the clock, it was 5-11, 195-pound Lockbaum.

"Duffner knew all about him," says John Aveni, who coached Lockbaum in high school. "Gordie was one of the leading scorers in the state. He was our leading ground gainer and pass receiver. And he was as good defensively as offensively.

"But there was more to it than that. Gordie not only has outstanding physical talent, he's never out of the game mentally. I remember one day during practice, just as a joke, we told one of our guards to go down as if he had hurt his ankle. Then we told Gordie to jump in at guard, and we ran a few plays. We didn't have to tell him what to do. That was the thing about Gordie. He not only knew his own position, he knew everyone else's position on the team."

Lockbaum was that rarity of a prospect who had more than a choice of colleges. He had a choice of positions. Syracuse sought him as a defensive back. Rutgers wanted him as a runner. And so it went. Lockbaum chose Holy Cross because to him it offered the right mix of academics and athletics. Duffner chose Lockbaum because Division I-AA schools, in particular, seek multipurpose players who can, if needed, play more than one position. But even the I-AAs, limited to 70 scholarships, rarely ask them to play both offense and defense in the same game.

In another era, it was common, of course. In 1953, unlimited substitution was outlawed by the rules committee. It was restored in 1964. Players who had played only on offense or on defense suddenly found themselves going both ways. Bud Wilkinson, molder of three national champions at Oklahoma, still maintains it is the way the game should be played. So does Dave Nelson, a teammate of All-America halfback Tom Harmon at Michigan who gained fame as a coaching innovator at Delaware. Nelson is the recognized guru of the rules of the game.

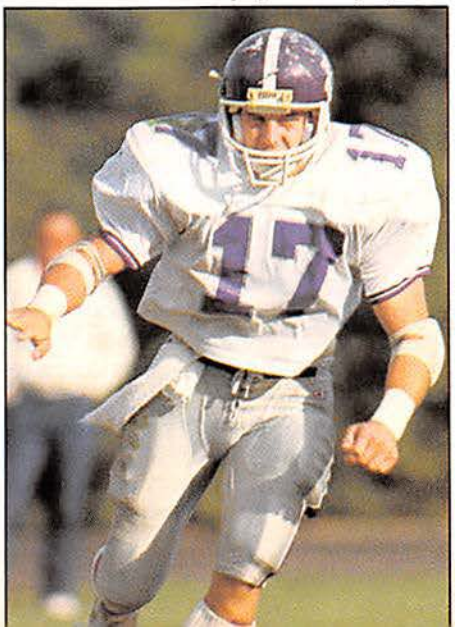
"I bring it up every year," Nelson says. "I think it must be really demeaning if you're a defensive end and you spend the whole game doing nothing more than chucking an opposing lineman. That's like working on the assembly line at Chrysler.

"But it's never going to come back, and the reason is that most of these guys coaching now have never heard of it. They think you're nuts when you talk about it. They have no knowledge or appreciation of how it was."

And how *was* it? Well, consider:

Johnny Unitas was modern pro football's prototype dropback quarterback, the man whose passing artistry, borne by the infant miracle of television, made a place for the NFL in America's living rooms in the 1950s. The Baltimore Colts hired man-mountains like Jim Parker and Art Spinney and ordered them to protect him. What Unitas remembers about his college days, as much as anything, is playing quarterback *and* defensive back for Louisville in a 59-6 loss to Tennessee in 1953. So much for the precious quarterback.

Lockbaum is the busiest player in today's game.



At Rice, Frank Ryan, who went on to quarterbacking renown with the Cleveland Browns, was also a linebacker. "One of the standard defenses in those days was the 5-4, with two deep backs, and I ended up being one of the outside linebackers," he says. "I'll never forget the time we were playing LSU and the line opens a hole and there I am—the linebacker between Jim Taylor and the goal line. I got him—but he got a piece of me, too."

Howard "Hopalong" Cassady, who won the Heisman Trophy at Ohio State in 1955, was a halfback on offense and safety on defense. As a junior in 1954, he played 450 of a possible 600 minutes in 10 games, including the Rose Bowl. He was famous for offensive exploits, but his play of the year was a defensive gem. It was an 88-yard interception return, though not for a touchdown, against Wisconsin. It turned around a 7-3 deficit and headed the Buckeyes toward a 31-14 win over the previously unbeaten Badgers in a game that was critical in deciding the Big Ten's Rose Bowl representative.

Although not always so spectacularly, ironmen used to do that. It is a rarity, and even more of a treat, when a Gordie Lockbaum does it now.

"I kept asking him during that first game against Lehigh, 'How do you feel?' " Duffner remembers of the grand experiment. "And he would be very honest about it. Then, as the season wore on, we'd take him out of games we had control of, and he'd want to go right back in. I could only think, 'Good Lord, we've created a monster; he wants to play *all* the time.' "

Is this, perhaps, the start of a trend? Are there more Gordie Lockbaums out there, merely waiting to be created?

"I-A schools have more scholarships, so they can be a little different in their outlook," Duffner says. "I think that other I-AA schools could do what we did. We just took a shot at it and it worked.

"But it takes a special young man, one who can think and react on his feet. It takes more than just a fine athlete. He's got to be intelligent. Remember, he's only going to get about half the practice time as other players."

And no time to relax.

"I think back to how it used to be in practice," Lockbaum says. "Sometimes, when the second-team guy is in, you're just standing around on the sideline. But that's not the way it is anymore. Instead of standing around on defense, I go on the offense. Or vice versa."

Heisman voters would do well to keep that in mind this season.

END

KANSAS STATE

Manhattan, Kan., may not be the end of the earth. But you can see it from there.

At least that's the way it must have seemed to Tony Jordan's friends back home in Rochester, N.Y.

"My first three years here, they knew I'd gone, but they didn't have any idea where," says Jordan, a senior tailback for Kansas State. "One guy wanted to know if I was in the Army."

Jordan might just as well have left for the Land of Oz. His friends needed more than a quick geography lesson to locate his whereabouts.

"Sometimes people back home get Kansas State confused with Kansas University," Jordan says.

Jordan's friends might never have been able to locate him if it hadn't been for Kansas State's 48–19 loss to Iowa State last season in Ames, Iowa.

Such a case of mistaken identity is unpardonable in Manhattan, where you can find bumper stickers that say: "My favorite teams are Kansas State and whoever is playing Kansas."

Jordan's friends might never have been able to locate him if it hadn't been for Kansas State's 48-19 loss to Iowa State last season in Ames, Iowa. He sparkled on an otherwise dreary afternoon for the Wildcats, carrying 35 times and gaining a school-record 218 yards. He also scored all three Kansas State touchdowns, including one on a 74-yard pass play and another on an 89-yard run.

Jordan's performance—the best single-game rushing total in the Big Eight last season—drew national attention. "After that game, I guess everyone in Rochester knew where I was," he says.

Jordan wondered exactly what he was doing in Manhattan when he arrived for fall camp as a freshman.

"Man, it was different," he says, trying to put his culture shock into words. "I saw a bunch of sheep out there. Downtown is like two or three streets. That's about the size of my neighborhood."

To make matters worse, the airline lost his luggage. For the better part of a month, all he had were the clothes on his back.

Jordan suffered from a severe case of the freshman blues. He didn't have a change of clothes. He was in a totally foreign environment. "I didn't know anybody," he says. "It seemed like just about everybody on the team was from Kansas."

That meant he had nothing in common with anyone; there was nobody to whom he could turn for emotional support.

Jordan's homesickness was compounded by the heat of a Kansas August. "It was about 100 degrees every day," he says. "I had a bad leg and the coaches were disappointed in me." And some of the friendships he made didn't last. "During two-a-days, I'd knock on people's doors and they'd be gone. They'd left town."

Jordan might have left, too. Except that, he says, "I didn't have any way to get home. It was either stay at Kansas State or get a job in Manhattan."

He decided to stick with football.

Things didn't improve immediately. Quite the contrary, in fact. "My whole freshman year was shaky," Jordan says.

If losing his clothes wasn't enough of an indication of what was to come, getting them back should have been.

According to Jordan, the airline put his name on a list and promised to pay him the declared value of his clothes if they weren't located and returned to him in 30 days. After 30 days, he could have had his clothes *and* the money.

"About two days before the time was up, they found my clothes," says Jordan. "I would've had new ones."

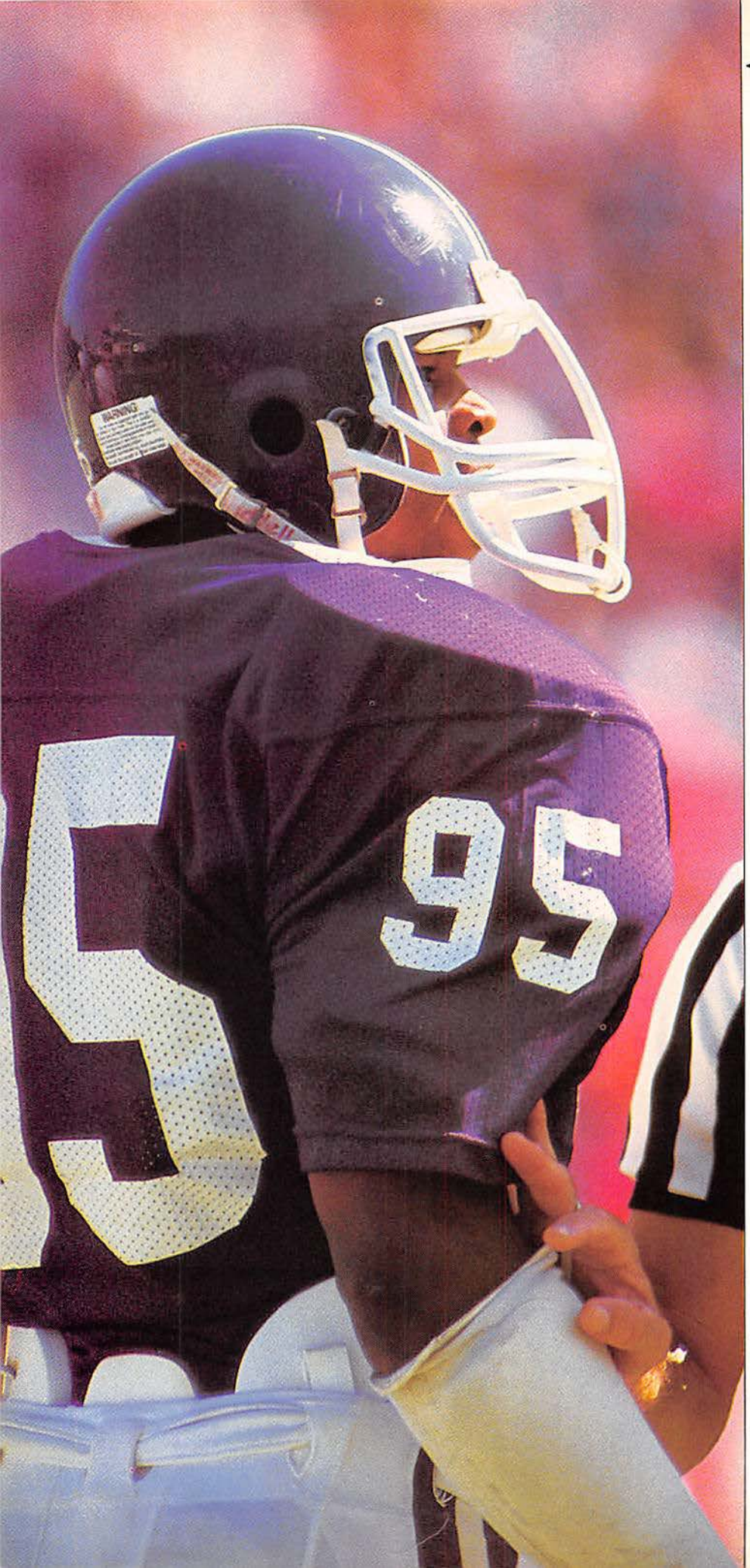
His anonymity that first season was assured when he was redshirted.

If Jordan didn't know what to make of his new surroundings, Kansas State football fans didn't know what to make of Jordan, either. It took him more than three

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Tony Jordan isn't hard to find since his record-setting performance against Iowa State, but tackling him still isn't easy.


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← *Dewayne Baziel was the Wildcats' second-leading tackler with 63 stops.*

(Kansas State continued)

years to show the brilliance that made him all-state at Rochester East High. He rushed for 1,054 yards as a senior and was the New York 100-meter dash champion, running 10.6.

The Wildcats became interested in Jordan because, he says, "A guy from back home went to college with a coach who was here at the time. He heard I wasn't getting recruited very heavily, so he contacted Kansas State."

Syracuse, Colgate, Boston College and Maryland were interested. "But I was the fourth running back on their list; I really don't know why," he says. "I couldn't figure it out."

Jordan, a 6-3, 220-pounder, puts his 40-yard speed at 4.4. His vertical jump is nearly 34 inches.

As a redshirt freshman, he earned a starting job during fall camp only to lose it, briefly, because of a knee sprain. He rushed for 51 yards in his first start, against South Carolina, but that was more than one-third of the yards he would gain that season. He injured a shoulder and missed the final four games.

In his first year, Jordan rushed for 136 yards in 36 carries.

He regressed his second year, carrying 20 times for a net of 32 yards—not in one game, but five.

Those were Jordan's credentials going into last season. His first three games didn't do anything to convince Kansas State fans that those credentials were misleading. He had carried 12 times for 25 yards when the Wildcats played TCU in Fort Worth.

Though Kansas State lost 35-22, Jordan made the first significant strides toward a junior season in which he rushed for 738 yards and six touchdowns. Against TCU he gained 115 yards, 57 of them on one run, and scored a touchdown.

"He's always been labeled as a guy with a lot of potential, and now we've seen it," Coach Stan Parrish said afterward.

It's ironic that Jordan came of age as a runner in an offensive system known as Air Parrish.

That's the reputation Parrish brought with him from Marshall University, and that's the way he intended to turn around a program that hasn't had a winning season since 1982.

Jordan was discouraged when Parrish was hired. "I figured it was forget the run, no more yardage for me," he says.

Instead, Jordan ran, and he learned how to catch the ball as well. "I like catching passes," he says. "I really like it when they throw the long ones because you don't have those big defensive linemen leaning on you. When you catch passes in the open field, you get a bit of a break."

Jordan is comfortable, now, in Manhattan, and it's not because he's been changed by his environment. There's been some give and take. He's brought some of the big city to the relatively small Midwestern farm community.

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Despite injury, Rob Easterwood (23) led the team with four interceptions. →


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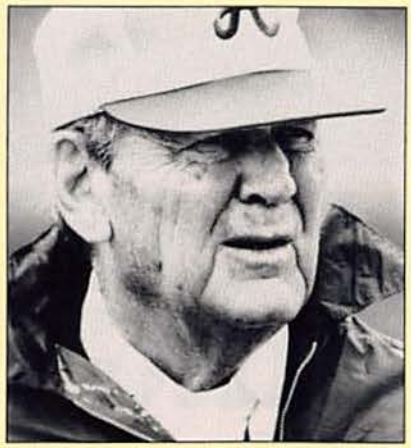
As Thousands Cheered

A History of American Football

by George Leonard



Red Grange: "a genius of motion."



Paul Bryant couldn't Bear to lose.

Roy Riegels hadn't even been born when the first wrong-way incident took place.

In the Rose Bowl game of 1929, Riegels, California center, recovered a Georgia Tech fumble, became confused and lit out for his own goal line 65 yards away. But something akin to that occurred over a half century before.

In the very first college football game, on Nov. 6, 1869, one of the



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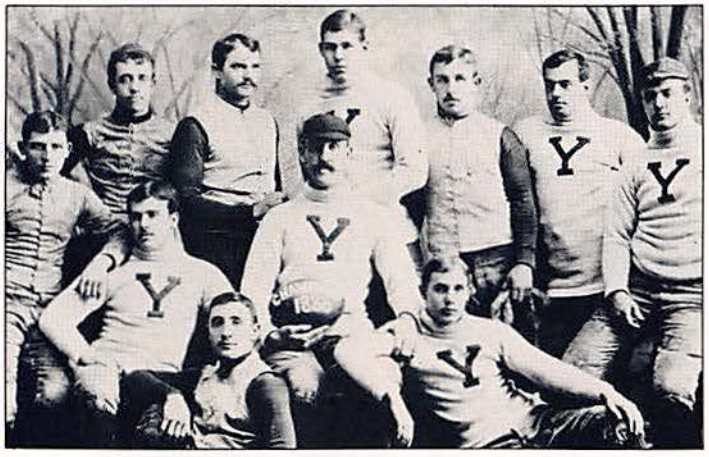
Walter Camp: architect of early American football.



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A program worth a fortune.



1888 Yale (14-0, 704 points to 0): Amos Alonzo Stagg (far left), Pudge Heffelfinger (back row, center).

Rutgers players "in his ardor forgot which way he was kicking," enabling Princeton to score. *The Targum*, Rutgers' school paper, reported it.

IN NAME ONLY

It was a spirited game of "headlong running, with shouting and frantic kicking." At one point, George Large of Rutgers and Jacob Michael of Princeton pursued the ball against a fence. Unable to check their momentum, they crashed into it, knocking a group of surprised spectators to the ground.

The tempo of the contest appalled one onlooker. He left in a huff, shouting at the athletes, "You men will come to no good Christian end." Seven of the 50 players (25 on each side) became ministers. Many were prominent citizens. Michael was dean of the Maryland faculty. Large was a state senator.

What they played 118 years ago at New Brunswick, N.J., wasn't really football. There was no tackling, no running with the ball and no passing. What it was, actually, was soccer.

Why had they played? What brought about the historic game?

The rivalry was already there. Actually, the game was the continuation or climax of an annual affray between Princeton and Rutgers students for possession of a Revolutionary War cannon. One year Princetonians ended that foolishness by sinking the weapon in concrete on their campus. Rutgers, looking for revenge, ultimately issued a challenge, immediately accepted.

Five lines, buried in the *New York Tribune*, described what happened: "Twenty-five of the students of Rutgers College played the same number of Princeton College a game of foot-ball on Saturday. After an exciting contest of one hour the Rutgers were declared the winners, the score standing 6 (goals) to 4."

Any resemblance between games in football's Stone Age and the most recent one between Penn State and Miami for the national championship may be slight.

And yet not everything is new. Presidential responsibility in the administration of athletics, for instance. That's getting considerable attention these days. Reform legislation backed by college presidents and aimed at restoring integrity to intercollegiate sports was adopted at the last NCAA convention. Back in 1873, Cornell and Michigan were all set to play in Buffalo. President Andrew White of Cornell put a stop to that. "I will not permit 30 men to travel 400 miles merely to agitate a bag of wind," he proclaimed.

Men were motivated to win national championships as long ago as 1876. The word "Champions" was painted on the ball held by Yale captain Eugene Von Voy Baker in the team picture that year. Yale was the dominant power in the 19th century with many undefeated teams. Harvard, Princeton and Pennsylvania also turned out champions.

From the beginning, nobody has ever doubted that football is a sport of men on collision courses, like the jousts of knights with lances in tournaments of the Middle Ages.

It's a sport of great intensity, a strenuous game of physical contact that will never be wholly free of injuries.

Men kicked or threw ball-like objects in ancient Egypt and Greece. China, too. In 1531 Sir Thomas Elyot wrote: "Foote Balle, wherein is nothinge but beastly furie and extreme violence."

In the early years of American football, one writer defined it as "a game for roughnecks equipped with armor."

What about the T-formation? Introduced by Clark Shaughnessy at Stanford in 1940, wasn't it? Not exactly. That was the modern T with a man in motion. Yale lined up in the original, if crude, T-formation in 1889, when Walter Camp, an unpaid volunteer and former Yale player, was in his second year as his alma mater's first coach.

If there was one, more than any other, who built the foundation of the game we know today—and there was—Walter Camp was that man. He was a 17-year-old freshman on Yale's 1876 team who played seven years. He would be revered as The Father of American Football. And rightly.

Camp it was whose creative genius led to establishing the line of scrimmage and continuity of possession. Thanks to his active mind, the quarterback appeared in 1880, 11 players on a team (1880), a system of downs and yards to gain (1882), signals (1882) and a numerical scoring system (1883).

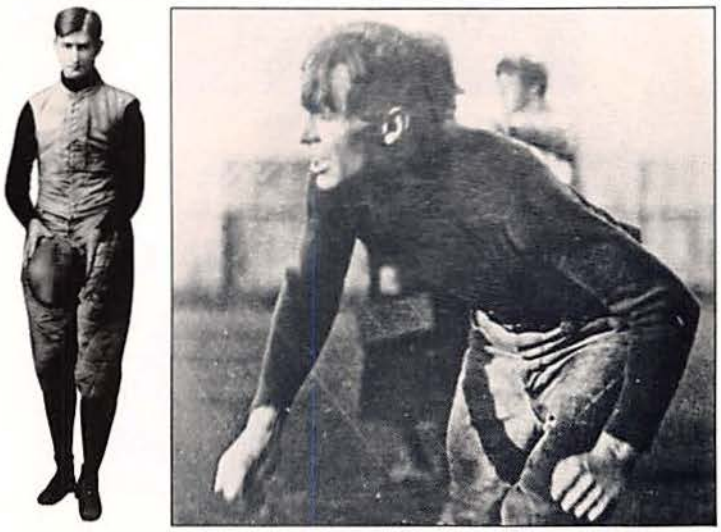
However, Camp credited Harvard with introducing the rugby principle of running with the ball and tackling, which formed the basis for American football. These elements were first permitted in the Yale-Harvard game of 1875. If Harvard built the substructure, Camp was the architect of the superstructure.

He was the pioneer, an instrumental figure at rules committee meetings for almost half a century until his death in 1925.

By the time William W. "Pudge" Heffelfinger, Yale guard between 1888-91, was stopping the feared Princeton V trick or wedge and Frank Hinkey was stalking his prey, the game was rolling along swiftly. Heffelfinger, "the first



The Poes of Princeton, 1884-1902, grandnephews of the poet.



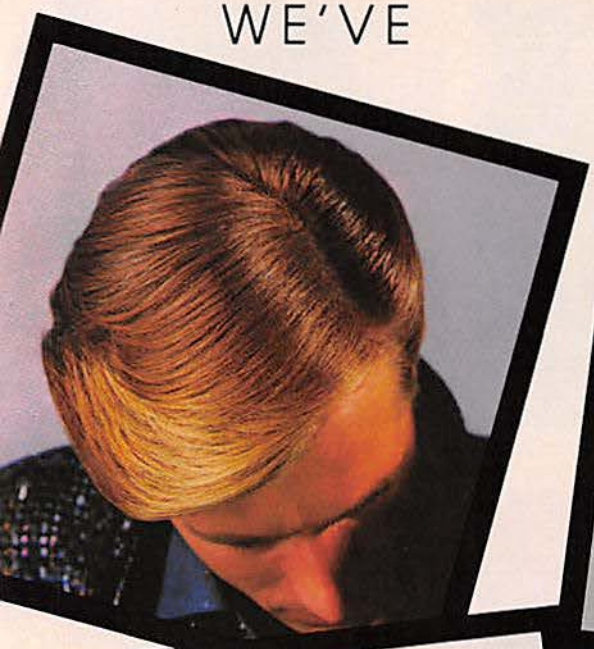
Pat O'Dea (left), Wisconsin's legendary punter-dropkicker, and Frank Hinkey, Yale's terrorizing All-America end, 1891-94.

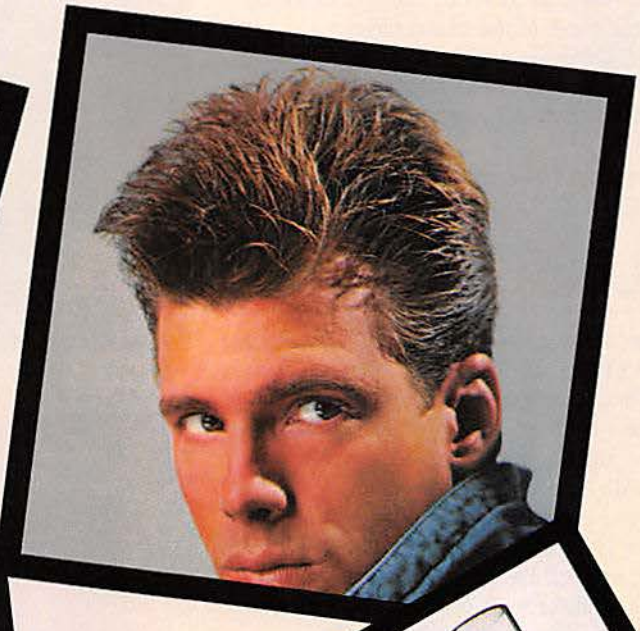


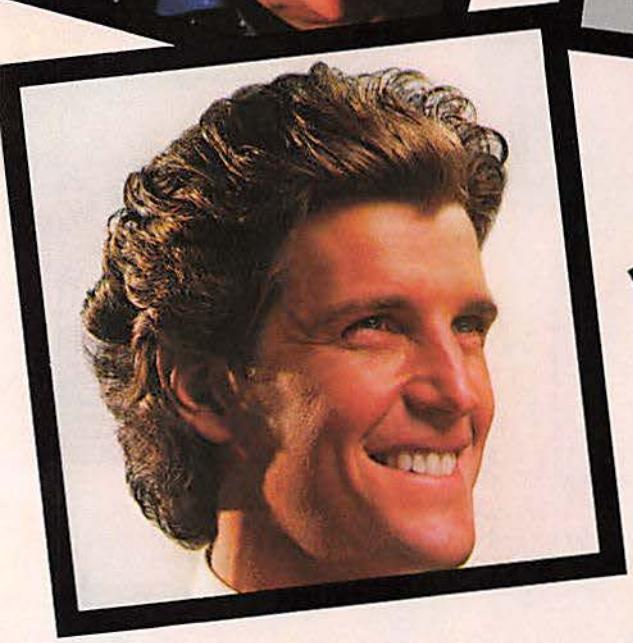
Artist Frederic Remington, 1879 Yale letterman, gave us this pictorial record of action in football's early days.

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glamour boy of linemen," as Tim Cohane, leading present-day football historian, called him, discovered a method to halt the wedge in the 1888 game. He backed up to get a running start, then charged ahead. As he neared the apex of the moving V-shaped mass, he took off, knees doubled up, and crashed against the chest of the man in front.

"Stop that stuff, Heffelfinger, or you'll kill somebody," yelled Hector Cowan, Princeton's All-America tackle (chosen in 1889 when the first All-America selection appeared).

"Stop using your wedge and I will," Heffelfinger answered.

THE FLYING WEDGE

If you ever feel foolhardy enough to pick an all-star team across the years, don't forget Heffelfinger, 6–3, 205. Born 100 years later and benefiting from modern nutrition and training, he might have been a 6–8, 295-pound giant. Everybody should be judged in relation to their times. But Heffelfinger was an All-American for the ages.

As for Hinkey, if you ever were a player, give thanks you came along too late to be tackled by this diminutive demon (5–9, 157) who rarely smiled. He knew, as a freshman in 1891, that he had a lung ailment. It finally caused his death. He had many nicknames: Consumptive Frank, The Disembodied Spirit, The Terror from Tonawanda (N.Y.), The Living Flame. Cohane theorized that the wrath Hinkey felt on the field was his subliminal way of struggling with a peril he knew he could not overcome. That knowledge may also have accounted for his love of whiskey and tobacco as a young player.

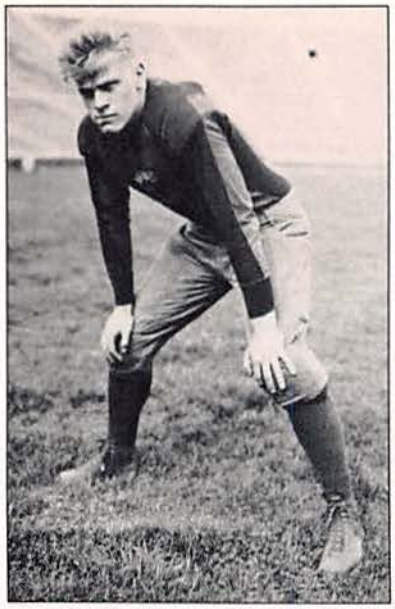
In 1892, Harvard opened the second half of the Yale game with a play that made football history: the lethal—and because of that, short-lived—flying wedge. It was conceived by Lorin F. Deland, a chess expert who never played football. His wedge differed from the Princeton V trick in that it started before the ball was put in play, thereby generating tremendous momentum of 20 to 25 yards. Harvard captain Bernie Trafford stood alone at midfield. Suddenly, rows of five men each, in single file near opposite sidelines, headed inward toward him at high speed. As they passed Trafford, he handed the ball to the fullback.

Yale, led by the savage-tackling Hinkey, stopped the play after a 30-yard gain and beat Harvard 6–0, winning all 13 games for the second straight season and shutting out every opponent as it had in 1891. In Hinkey's four years, Yale won 52 games and lost one, scoring 1,744 points to 25.

The 1894 Yale-Harvard game in Hinkey's last year was probably as furiously fought as any in history. It was so rough that a two-year break in football relations between the schools resulted.

"No father or mother worthy of the name would permit a son to associate with the set of Yale brutes on Hinkey's football team," stated a *New York Post* editorial.

The crushing mass formations of the nineties, continuing into the first decade of the 20th century, almost sounded the death knell of football. Slugging was habitual in the old





Football has been a game of presidents. Gerald Ford (left) was a center at Michigan and Ronald Reagan a guard at Eureka.





Dwight Eisenhower (left) was Army's fullback in 1912. At Stanford in 1892, Herbert Hoover (right in right photo) was student manager.



Richard Nixon (12), our 37th president, was a lineman at Whittier and got into a game against Southern California.



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days. Oh, it was forbidden, but a player would be warned three times before being banished.

The giant among coaches in the epoch of the ancients was Amos Alonzo Stagg. He was still going strong in modern times at age 97. Among the great inventors in football, he and Camp and Glenn S. "Pop" Warner stand supreme. But Stagg above all.

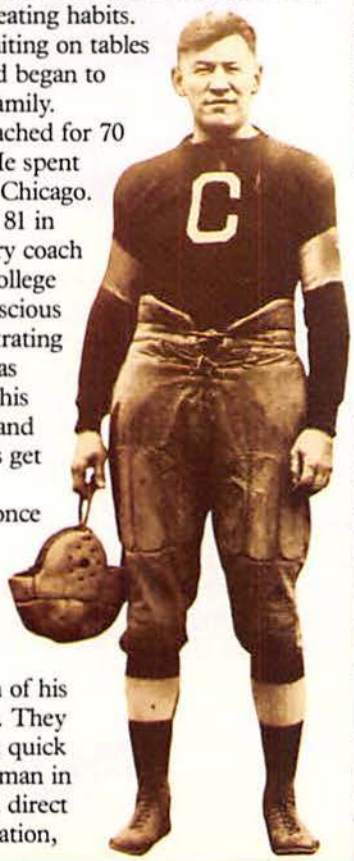
COACHED 70 YEARS

Stagg was at one end on that first 1889 All-America team, on which there were two other Yale players, five from Princeton and three from Harvard. He weighed 147 pounds and stood 5-6. He hadn't played football until 1887 when he was a 25-year-old senior. Fall baseball practice and the chance of injury had kept him off the gridiron. He was a star pitcher who led Yale to five straight championships and once struck out 20 Princeton batters. Stagg played three years of football, the last two in 1888-89 as a graduate student.

He spurned several major league offers. Amateurism was a high ideal with Stagg—amateurism, sportsmanship and honor. In his early years at Chicago, Illinois asked him to referee their game. He did. No complaints.

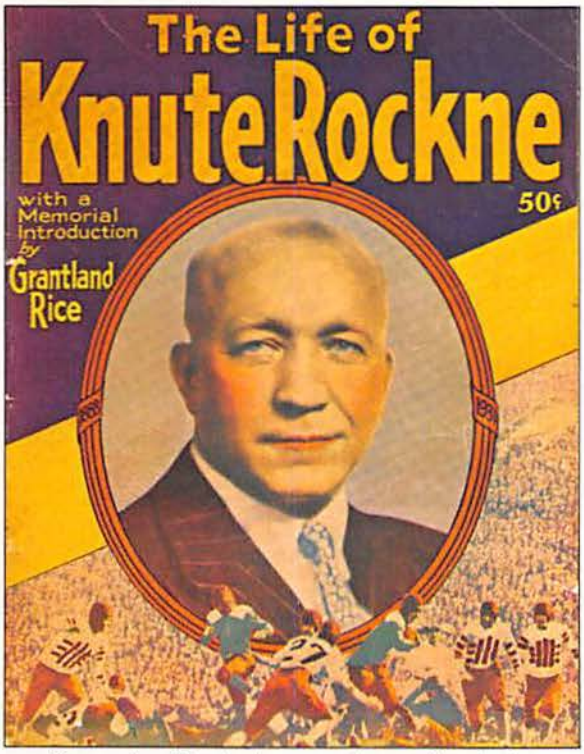
When Stagg came to Yale as a poor boy from New Jersey, tuition was $50 a semester. He had to pay only $30, being a divinity student. But he still had to find an unheated attic room at a dollar a week and limit himself to spending only 20 cents a day for food. When he became ill, his doctor insisted on better eating habits. Stagg then earned money waiting on tables at a students' dining club and began to receive some help from his family.

Starting in 1890, Stagg coached for 70 years, 57 in full command. He spent 41 years at the University of Chicago. He was Coach of the Year at 81 in 1943 at Pacific. As an advisory coach at Stockton (Calif.) Junior College at 92, he was knocked unconscious one afternoon while demonstrating the center snap. The team was shocked. Stagg soon opened his eyes, arose, said he was OK and instructed the players, "Let's get on with practice."

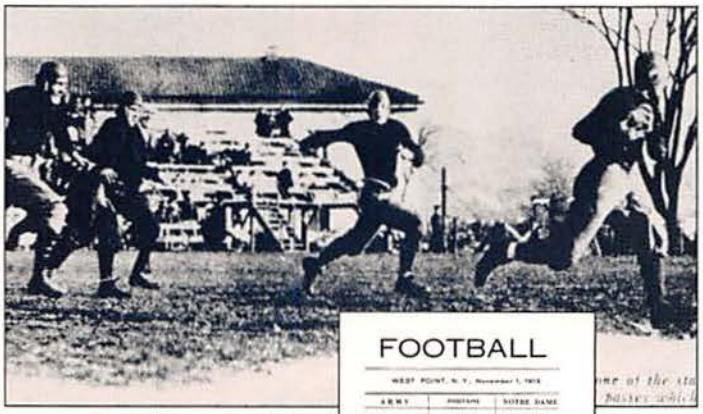


Historian Allison Danzig once wrote, not meaning to pun: "To attempt to list all of Stagg's inventions and originations staggers the imagination."

Nevertheless, enumeration of his major innovations is in order. They include the shift, the reverse, quick kick, onside kickoff, flanker, man in motion, optional pass or run, direct center snap, short punt formation,



Rice wrote of Rockne's magnetism and inspiration.





Notre Dame bewildered Army in 1913 with passes from Gus Dorais to Rockne, shown scoring after a first-period catch, and others.



Jim Thorpe of Carlisle (left) probably was the best back ever. (Above) Michigan routed Stanford 49-0 in 1902 Rose Bowl.



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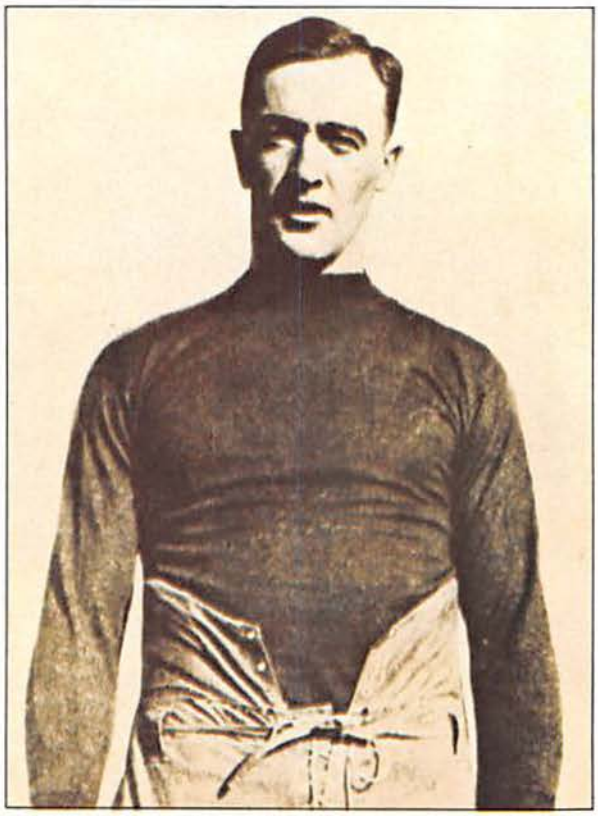
FIVE SHUTOUTS IN SIX DAYS

the wingback principle and the huddle. At Notre Dame, Knute Rockne's backs shifted from the T into a box formation rather like the single wing. Rockne always gave Stagg credit. "Everything in football goes back to Stagg and to Yale," Rockne said.

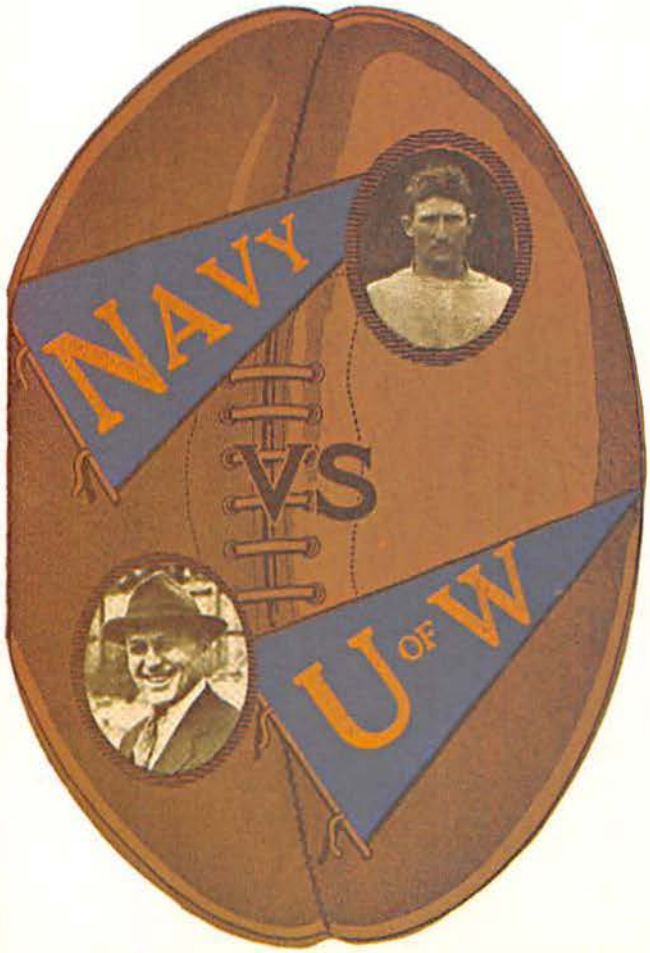
Near the dawn of a new century, perhaps football's most extraordinary team feat occurred. Between Nov. 9 and 14, 1899, the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., whipped five major teams—Texas, Texas A&M, Tulane, LSU and Mississippi—in six days. All games were played on the road on a 3,000-mile train trip. All were shutouts.

As the new century began, football's popularity had spread throughout the country. The days of a solid block of Ivy League powers were gone, although there would be years in the next 25 when Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Penn and Cornell would claim national championships.

Most experts agree that Fielding H. "Hurry Up" Yost's 1901-02 Michigan teams were peerless in their time. The Wolverines featured Willie Heston between 1901-04. You could put him in your all-time cast without fear of criticism. He scored 93 touchdowns. The teams he played on won 43 games and tied one. In 1901 Michigan went 11–0, outscoring rivals 550 to 0. One of the victims was Stanford in the first Tournament of Roses (Rose Bowl today) game in Pasadena on Jan. 1, 1902.



Some of George Gipp's Notre Dame records still stand.





Cover of 1924 Rose Bowl program (left). University of Chicago Coach Amos Alonzo Stagg instructs players during 1916 game.



Notre Dame's Four Horsemen on their return to the campus several decades after their playing days: Elmer Layden, Jim Crowley, Harry Stuhldreher and Don Miller—and (inset) as they appeared, in reverse order, in 1924, their national championship year.



Some authorities rate Bronko Nagurski, Minnesota's 1929 tackle-fullback All-American, the No. 1 all-around player of all time.



Innovative Coach Pop Warner's greatest player on perfect-record 1915-16 teams at Pittsburgh was supercenter Bob Peck.

In 1900 Yost coached Stanford. Heston was then in his third season at halfback, starring for San Jose Normal (now San Jose State). Naturally, he caught Yost's eye. Some said that Yost offered him financial inducements after being appointed coach at Michigan.

Yost knew Heston was interested in studying law. And Heston knew Michigan had an outstanding law school. Before leaving California, Yost had asked Heston to accompany him to Michigan. He had not offered a scholarship but invited Heston to San Francisco for a talk.

"We had a nice conversation, but Yost still made no mention of a scholarship," Heston related more than half a century later when the writer interviewed him. "We parted with the understanding I would not go to Michigan.

"Well, I got a job for three weeks driving a fruit wagon around San Francisco during a teamsters' strike. But one day I decided this was an overly hazardous way to make a living and collected my pay. I planned to return to Oregon (where his family lived). To get to the ferry that would take me across the bay I thought it would be advisable to use back streets because of the possibility of being recognized as a strikebreaker. One poor fellow I knew had been caught and half killed.

"I had gone a few blocks and was climbing a steep hill when a young man approached me from the opposite

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direction. He stopped me and looked searchingly into my face and at my battered patent leather suitcase.

" 'I hope you're going east,' he said. Then he explained. He had come out from Toledo to attend a YMCA convention. He liked San Francisco so well he decided to settle down there.

GO EAST, YOUNG MAN

" 'Only thing is I bought a descriptive round-trip ticket,' he said. 'You could easily fit the description. But are you going east?' I said, 'Let me look at that ticket.' I was thinking fast. 'How much?' I asked. '$25,' he said. 'You've just sold it,' I told him."

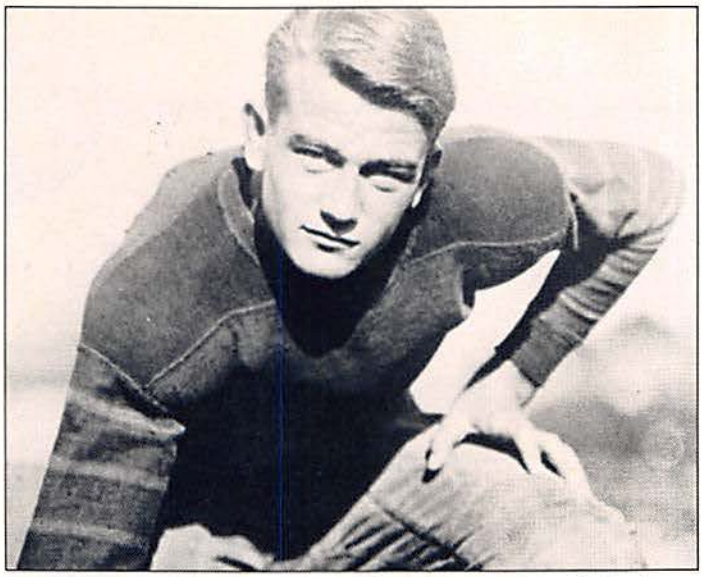
That is how and why the 5-8, 182-pound Heston, he of the explosive start and bewildering moves, appeared on the Michigan campus. He had graduated (later to become a judge) when Michigan met Stagg's Chicago Maroons in 1905 for national honors. Chicago won 2-0, probably the most satisfying of Stagg's 314 victories.

Eighteen football-related deaths and numerous serious injuries occurred in 1905. College officials seriously considered whether they should reform the sport or ban it.

Late that year there was such a clamor for reforms that President Theodore Roosevelt responded to charges of football's brutality. Roosevelt was a fan and admired the type of men who played football. He let it be known that, while he had no desire to see the game abolished (which it was at a number of colleges), it must be made safer. One result of his demand for changes was the formation of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

New rules legalized the forward pass, which, it was hoped, would open up the game. But most coaches avoided the pass or used it sparingly because of various restrictions and a belief that it was risky. A neutral zone was established, separating opponents by the length of the ball. Before that, linemen stood even with the ball. There was no space between them, an invitation to toe-to-toe combat.

The field was marked bizarrely for the next several years with stripes five yards apart from one end to the other, as



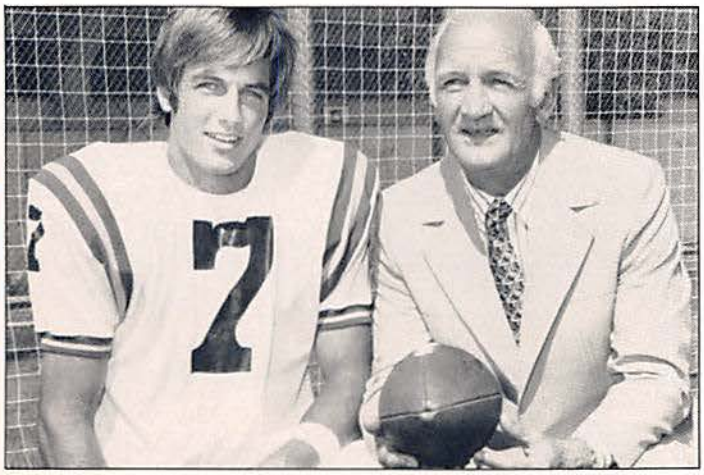
Movie actor John Wayne played football at Southern California.



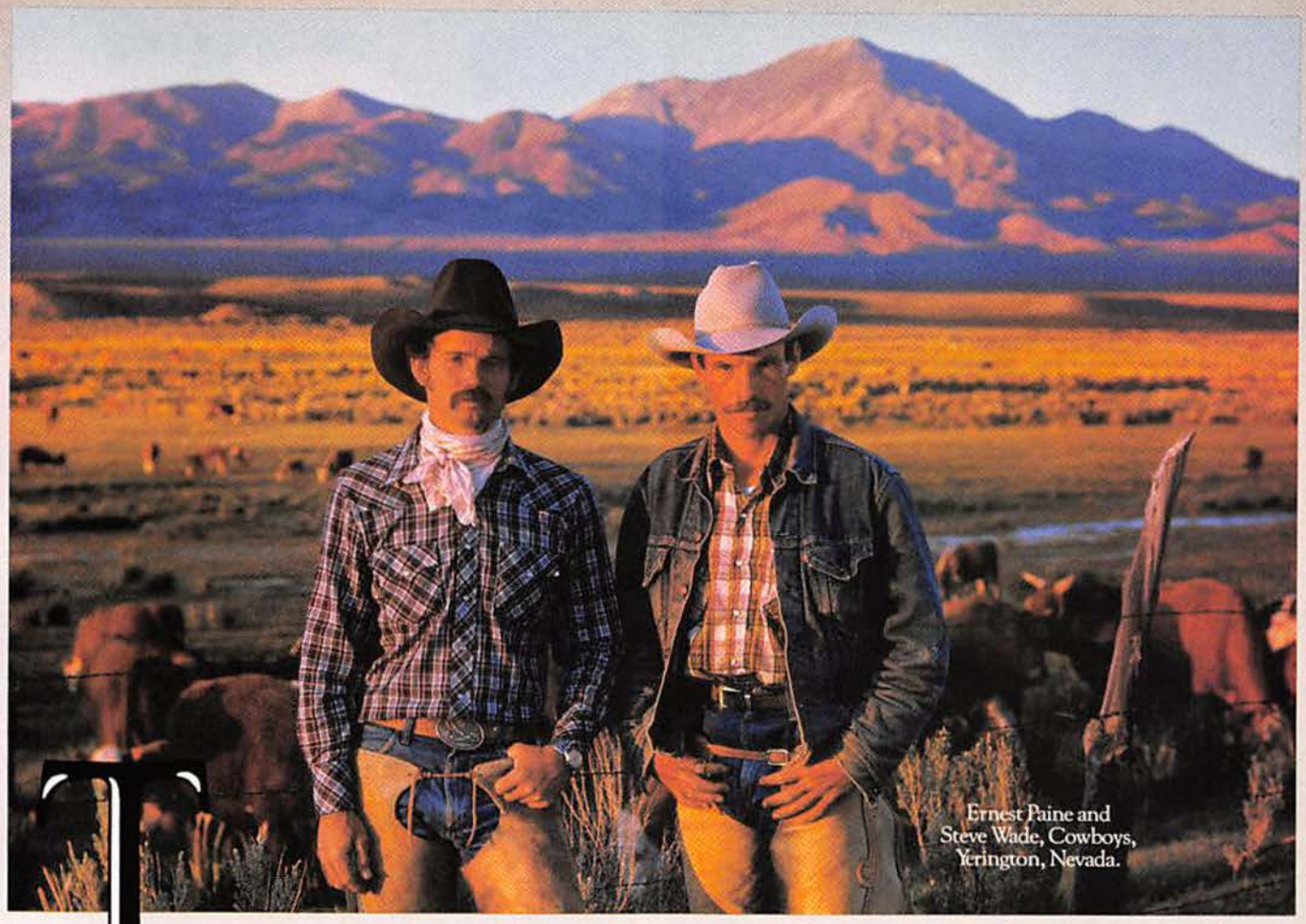
Starlet Phyllis Brooks with bowl stars Don Hutson and Dixie Howell.



Loretta Young greets Michigan players at premier of her latest picture. The Wolverines trounced USC 49-0 in 1948 Rose Bowl.



Movie-TV star Mark Harmon, 1972-73 UCLA QB, with dad, Tom, 1939-40 All-America halfback at Michigan.



Ernest Paine and
Steve Wade, Cowboys,
Yerington, Nevada.

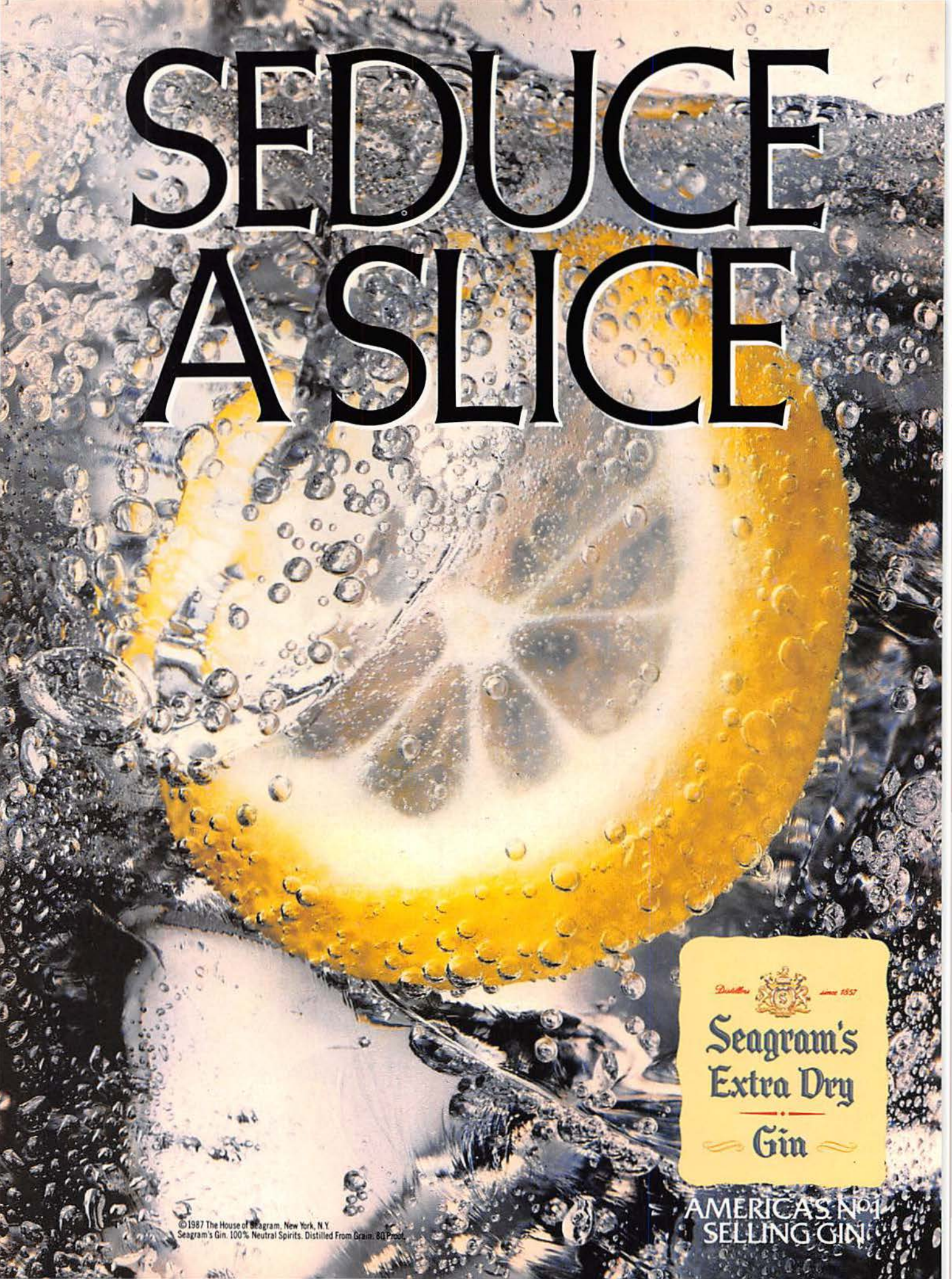
Twelve months a year, Steve Wade and Ernest Paine punch, brand and drive 2200 head of cattle across 500,000 acres of land. Without a discouraging word. So they each received a bottle of V.O.



The reward.

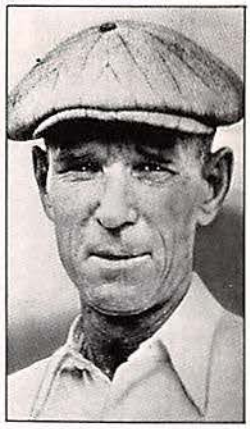
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Peerless passer Sammy Baugh (left) of TCU and Gil Dobie (below), who didn't lose a game until his 12th year of coaching.



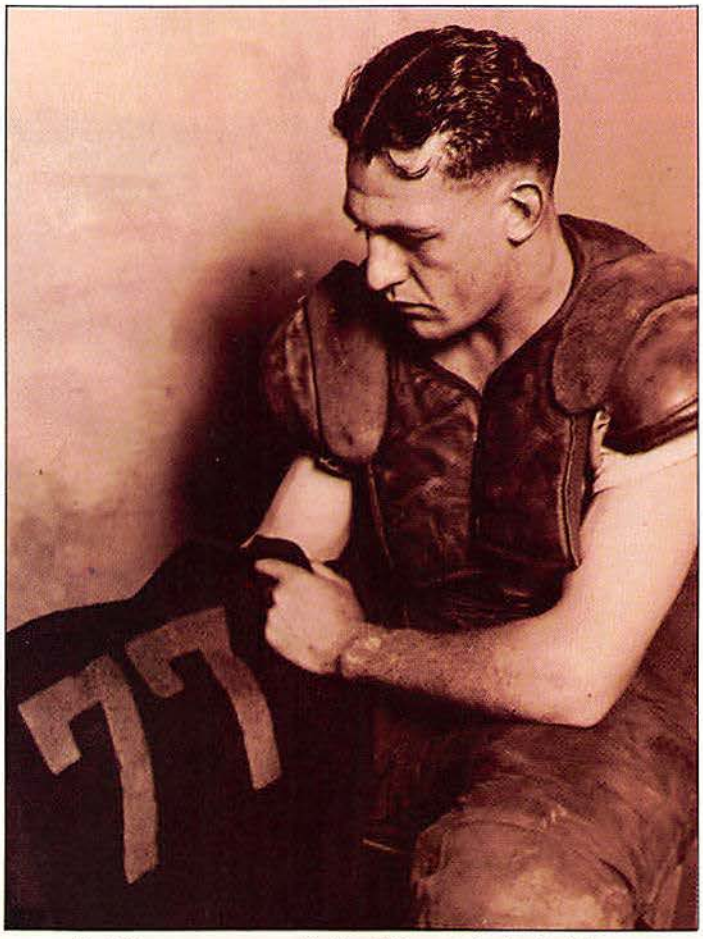
well as laterally. That created a checkerboard effect. The reason for the strange marking: to aid the officials, because a pass had to cross the line of scrimmage at least five yards from where it was put in play, and the quarterback could not run forward within five yards of the center. Other restraints discouraged passing.

LAST OF OLD GAME

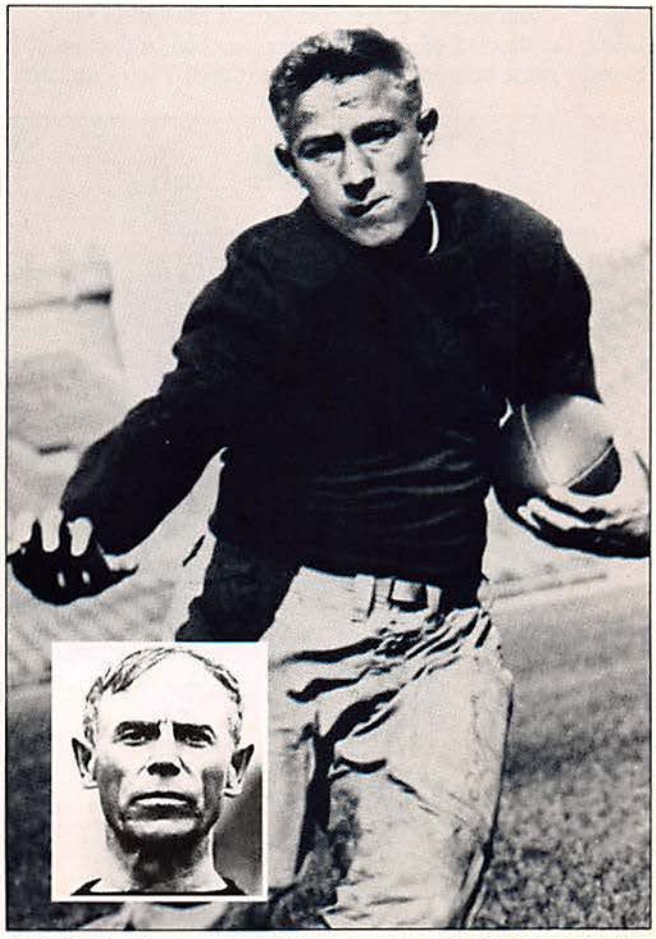
The rules makers hadn't gone far enough. Bone-breaking mass plays were still the order of the day until 1910, when sweeping changes brought about the end of an era. From then on, it was a different game: more speed and quick-striking offenses, more deception and stirring action, and less danger to the players.

Seven men were required on the line of scrimmage. Pushing and pulling the runner, and interlocking interference were finally prohibited, as was the flying tackle. And passes could cross the line anywhere (so could the quarterback), ending the five-yard restriction.

Several remaining limitations on passing were removed in 1912. The length of the field was shortened from 110 to 100 yards, and a fourth down to make 10 yards was added.



Red Grange removes his No. 77 jersey for the last time after Illinois-Ohio State game on Nov. 21, 1925.



In 1935, Jay Berwanger of Chicago won the first Heisman Trophy, named after John Heisman (inset), a famous coach.

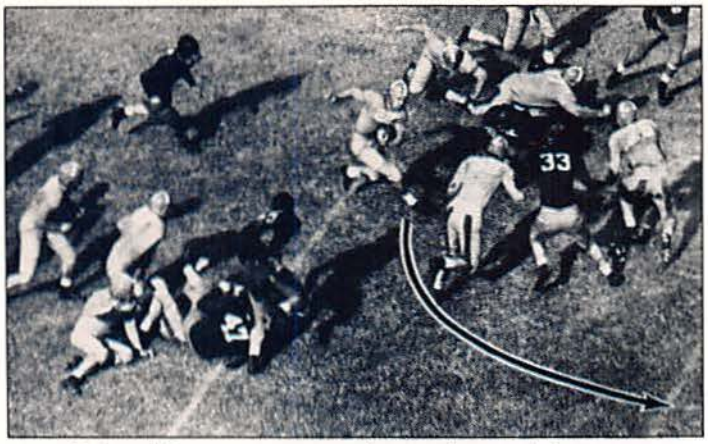
1912 was the year Jim Thorpe finished at Carlisle. In his final season he gained 1,869 yards rushing and scored 198 points. This black-haired Sac and Fox Indian from Oklahoma was not only probably the most gifted all-around back in history but also the No. 1 athlete. He was a two-time gold medalist in the 1912 Olympics. He played professional football and baseball, and appeared in the World Series of 1913 and 1917.

Thorpe was a football gambler. In one game, Carlisle had the ball on its 10-yard line. Thorpe called for a punt to get his team out of danger. As he passed the referee, he muttered, "They all think I'm gonna kick but I ain't." Faking the punt, which even his own team expected, Thorpe ran for a touchdown.

The Notre Dame-Army game at West Point on Nov. 1, 1913, was a landmark in football. The Fighting Irish, coached by Jesse Harper, shocked the East with a 35–13 victory. Quarterback Charles "Gus" Dorais completed 13 of 17 passes for 243 yards, throwing principally to end and captain Knute Rockne.

The spectacular Dorais-Rockne show was passing perfection. It stimulated coaches to incorporate it in their offenses as no rule changes had. At last the forward pass became an integral weapon of attack, not a tactic used in desperation.

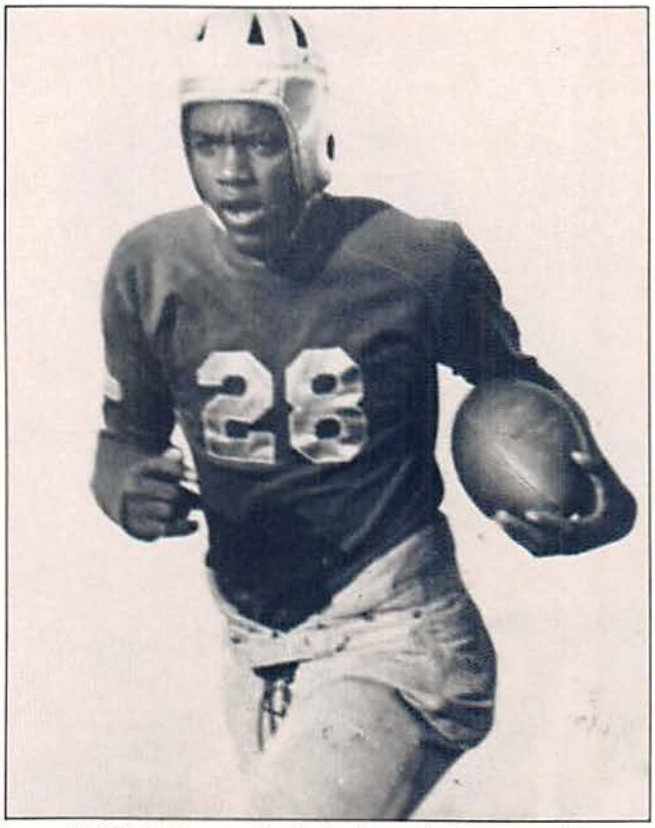
In 1918 Rockne, at 30, became head coach at Notre Dame. A year after that, the competitive fire still in his blood, he played a bit of professional football, and in one Sunday game between his Massillon (Ohio) Tigers and the



Butler of Tennessee at start of serpentine touchdown run.



Tennessee's Bob Neyland: His name was synonymous with hard tackling and blocking, the kicking game and capitalizing on opponents' mistakes.



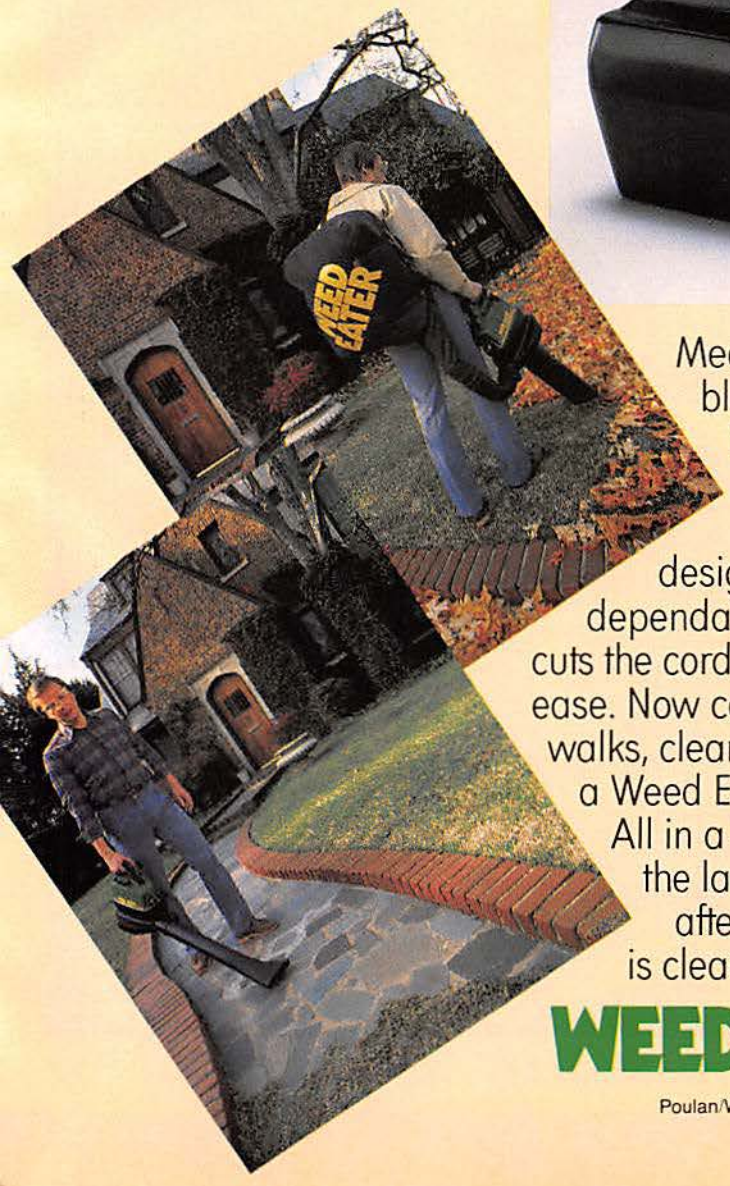
Jackie Robinson, who broke the major league racial barrier, was a star halfback at UCLA in 1939-40.



Glenn Davis, Mr. Outside on Army's 1944-45 national champions (Doc Blanchard was Mr. Inside), starts long touchdown run.

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Canton Bulldogs, he found himself at defensive end against the legendary Thorpe.

Rockne was still congratulating himself on stopping Thorpe a couple of times on sweeps when the great Indian came at him again. On that play Thorpe ran over Rockne like a runaway locomotive. The story was that, jogging back after the touchdown, Thorpe patted the dazed Rockne on the shoulder and admonished him, "People came here to see Jim run, Rock. You'd better let Jim run, huh?"

GIPP AND GRANGE

Rockne was paid a salary of $5,000 in 1918. In his illustrious 13-year career as Notre Dame's head coach, ended by his death in a plane crash on March 31, 1931, his record was 105–12–5. It is the best ever for a minimum of 10 years. Five of his teams won every game. Norwegian-born Rockne won four national championships. That total was topped in the 1930s and 1940s by Bernie Bierman of Minnesota with five, and in the 1960s and 1970s by Paul "Bear" Bryant of Alabama with six. Frank Leahy, a tackle on Rockne's 1929 champions, also won four titles as Notre Dame's coach between 1941-43 and 1946-53.

Notre Dame's 1920 national championship year was saddened by the death of George Gipp, due to a streptococcus infection of the throat, 24 days after his final game, against Northwestern.

This maverick, who disdained training and caused Rockne problems off the field, was a marvelous ball carrier, passer, dropkicker, punter, blocker and defensive back. He was fast and elusive. Rockne said Gipp had "the timing of a tiger pouncing on his prey."

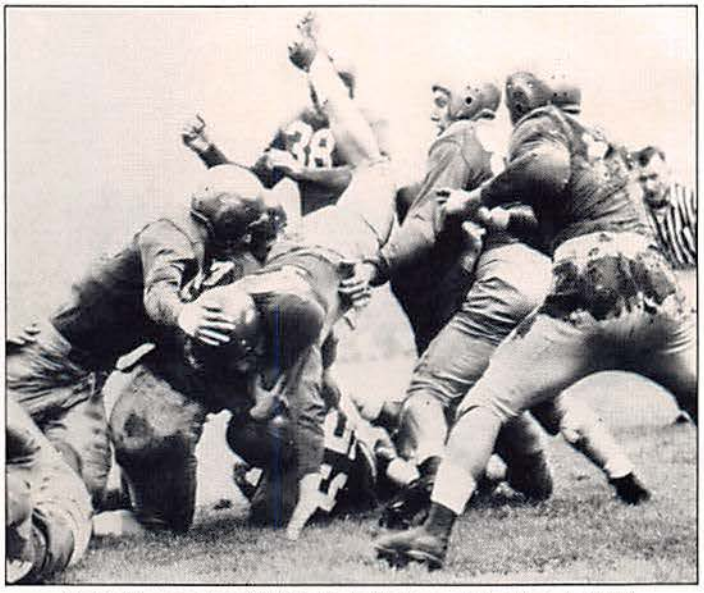
The 6–2, 185-pound halfback didn't like to extend himself when he felt it was unnecessary. In one game that Notre Dame won easily, he broke loose on a long run for an apparent touchdown, only to have it nullified by a penalty. After that happened two or three times, Gipp strolled past the referee on his way up the field and said, "From now on, how about blowing your whistle once for me to stop and twice to keep going?"

And then, in the 1920s, the Golden Decade of sport, came Grange. The Galloping Ghost dazzled huge crowds with the most electrifying displays of breakaway magic ever seen on a gridiron, up to then and since. Harold "Red" Grange, now 84, once related what he evidently thought of as an important incident in his childhood. As a boy, he had a dog named Jack. Grange would back him into a corner of the fence at his house and marvel at his dodging and footwork to get free. Red said Jack was the greatest open-field runner he ever saw and that he learned tricks from him he never forgot.

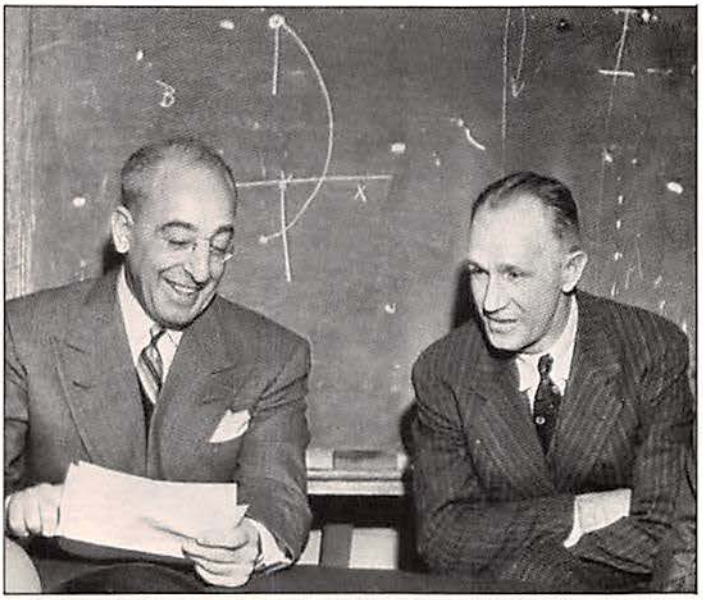
When Illinois met Michigan at Champaign in 1924, Grange gained 402 yards against the Wolverines. He ran 95, 67, 56 and 44 yards for touchdowns in the first 12 minutes. After taking Grange out in the second half, his coach, Bob Zuppke, who never risked letting his players get the bighead, said, "You should have had another touchdown, Red. You didn't cut at the right time on that last play."



Earl Blaik and Frank Leahy: Before a big game, coaches are grim.

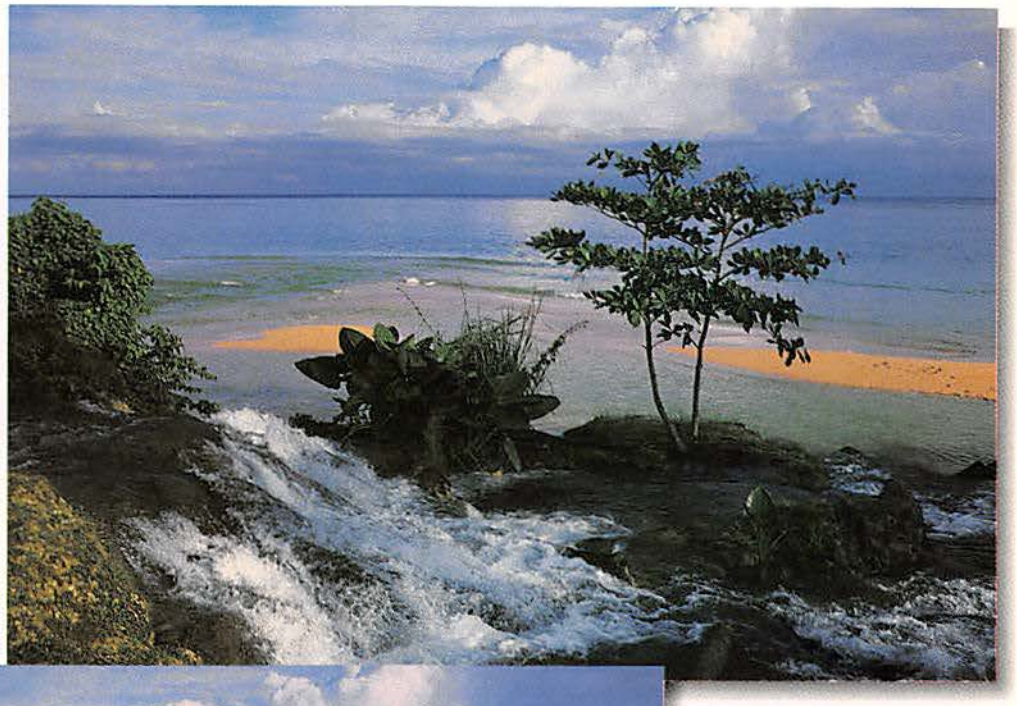


Notre Dame stops SMU's Kyle Rote on 1-foot line in 1949.



1948 NCAA convention: What did Lou Little (Columbia) and Wallace Wade (Duke) share? Each coached a Rose Bowl winner.

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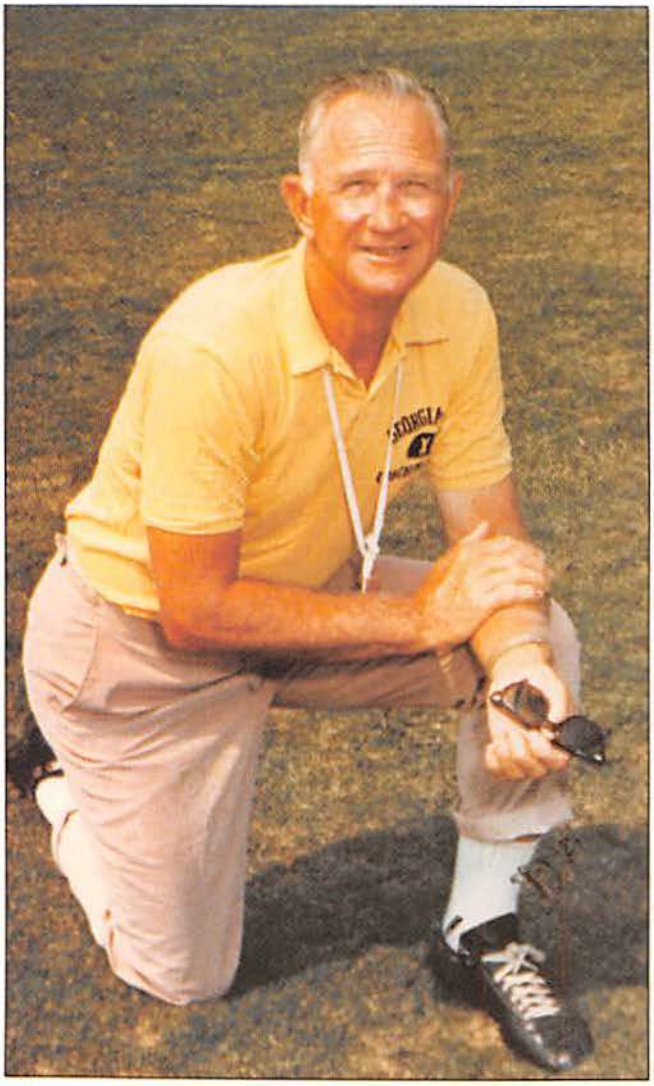
"Grange was a genius of motion," Zuppke said. "I once made a trip to the Kaibab Forest on the edge of the north rim of the Grand Canyon, and as a deer ran out onto the grass plains, I thought, 'There goes Red Grange!' The freedom of movement was so similar to Red's."

On the same day that Grange all but demoralized Michigan (Oct. 18, 1924), Notre Dame defeated Army 13–7 at New York's Polo Grounds. The distinguished sportswriter, Grantland Rice, whose literary gift was bestowed entirely on sports, was there and wrote the most enduring lead to a game story ever composed. Rice immortalized Notre Dame's all-senior backfield of Harry Stuhldreher, Don Miller, Jim Crowley and Elmer Layden when he typed: "Outlined against a blue-gray October sky, the Four Horsemen rode again. . . ." That backfield masterfully executed the shift, Stagg's invention that Rockne polished.

It was about this time that a remarkable record, one that you won't find in any book of football history, began. From the start of the 1926 season and continuing for the next 61 years into 1987, a University of Southern California graduate named Giles Pellerin has seen every one of the Trojans' 654 games, home and away.



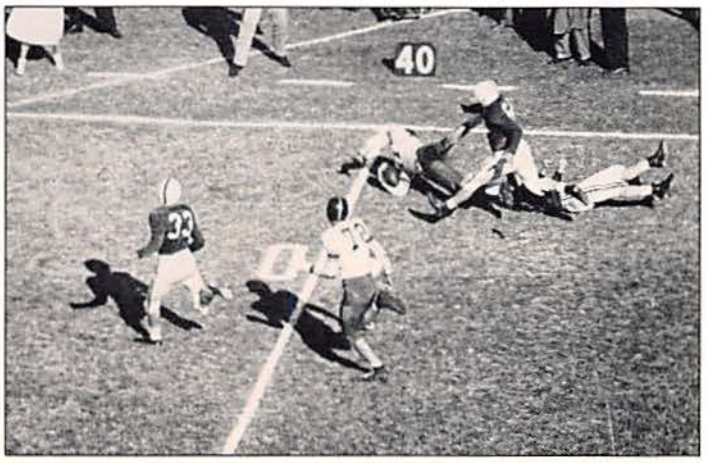
Woody Hayes, who died March 12, 1987, coached three national champions at Ohio State.



Bobby Dodd, a strict practitioner of two-platoon football, had a string of 31 games without a loss between 1950-53.



1954 Cotton Bowl: Alabama's Tommy Lewis (42) leaves bench . . .



. . . and tackles Dick Maegle of Rice, who was awarded 95-yard TD.

GREAT RUN—WRONG DIRECTION





Bud Wilkinson's (top) 1953-57 Oklahoma teams won 47 in a row. The streak ended (above) on TD by Notre Dame's Dick Lynch.



Single wing disciple Red Sanders (left) turned out a national champion at UCLA in 1954, and Tommy Prothro was an assistant.

Pellerin underwent an emergency operation for removal of his appendix five days before the USC-UCLA game in 1949. Telling the nurses he was going for a walk on the hospital grounds, he went to the Los Angeles Coliseum instead. He returned to his bed several hours later, his attendance streak unbroken.

The man who is now the oldest living member of college football's Hall of Fame was making a name for himself in the twenties as a Republican congressman. At 98, Hamilton Fish, All-America tackle at Harvard in 1908-09, plans to put in his annual appearance at the Hall of Fame Awards Banquet in New York City in December.

Still in the twenties—this was on Jan. 1, 1929—the game that immortalized the name of Roy Riegels was played in Pasadena. His was not the first run in the wrong direction or the last. But because so many saw it in the Rose Bowl and so many heard it described (the game was broadcast on NBC) and because it was the turning point, the run has become famous.

Describing the play many years afterward, Riegels said:

"I was playing roving center on defense and drifted with the play. After the tackle (by Irvine Phillips and Charlie Schmidt), the ball fell away from Stumpy Thomason, and I picked it up and ran. The defense could do that in those days. I started in the right direction but made a complete horseshoe turn after going four or five yards when I saw two players coming at me from the right. In pivoting to get away, I completely lost my bearings. I wasn't out of my head at all, and I hadn't been hurt. I just headed the wrong way."

California halfback Benny Lom reacted quickly and took after Riegels. Ordinarily, the fleet Lom would have overtaken Riegels within 30 or 40 yards. But Riegels was running with superhuman speed. He was so determined to score that he even shifted the ball from his right armpit to his left, evidently so he could use his right arm as a straight-arm if needed.

"Stop, stop!" Lom shouted frantically. "You're going the wrong way! Throw me the ball!"



In 1956, Paul Hornung was the fifth of six Notre Dame players who have won the Heisman Trophy.



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Riegels related, "I could hear Benny yelling, but shucks, I wasn't going to throw it to him after that run."

Lom managed to grab Riegels' right hand and swing him around on the California 1-yard line, but before he could make a move, a wave of Georgia Tech pursuers flattened him. The Engineers blocked the ensuing punt for a safety and won the game 8–7.

"Some would have folded after what he did," said All-America center Peter Pund, Georgia Tech's captain. "He played a whale of a game. Roy was a battler who never quit."

Riegels was elected California's captain in 1929, made the All-Coast team and became a successful high school coach and businessman.

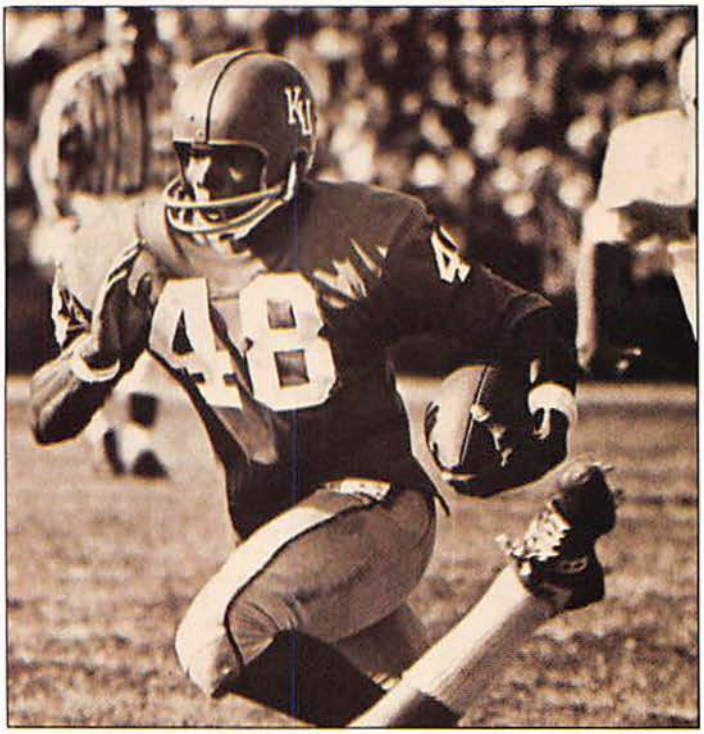
The 1934 Rose Bowl game was also memorable. Columbia defeated Stanford 7–0 in one of the top four or five football upsets. Almost everybody thought Stanford could name the score.

Columbia scored in the second period when Al Barabas ran 17 yards on an ingenious reverse. Only the Columbia players knew who had the ball. Barabas was untouched.

Twenty years later the Columbia team had a reunion and showed the game film. After the first half, Barabas spoke up. "Lou," he said (the team's coach, Lou Little, was running the projector), "let's not show the second half. They might beat us."

The incident was a bit similar to one last year when Jerry Tagge and Jack Mildren were taping commentary for a videocassette of "The Game of the Century." The 1971 Nebraska-Oklahoma game was one of the greatest ever played. Tagge of Nebraska and Mildren of Oklahoma were the quarterbacks. Nebraska defeated Oklahoma 35–31 and went on to win the national championship. Tagge said, "I was caught up in the game again. I was on my toes. . . . I had goose bumps."

The first Heisman Trophy was presented to halfback Jay Berwanger of Chicago in 1935. The award was named for John Heisman, who coached at eight colleges between 1892 and 1927, and was of an inventive mind.



Broken-field master Gale Sayers once ran 99 yards for a TD.



1968: O.J. Simpson on historic 64-yard TD run against UCLA.



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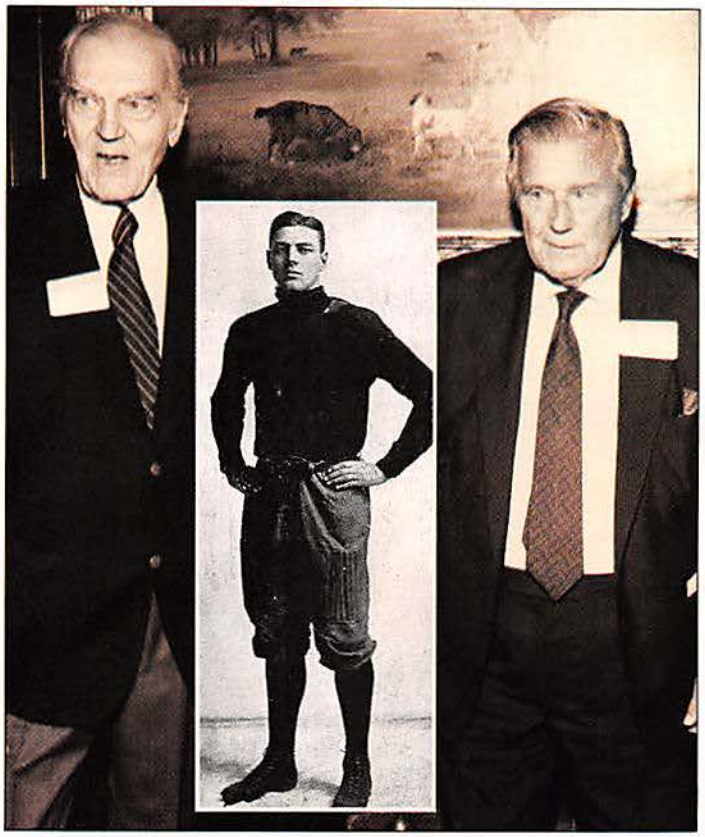




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MAJOR CHANGES IN FORTIES



Hamilton Fish, 98 (Harvard, 1907-09): oldest living Hall of Famer. Vincent Draddy (right) is National Football Foundation chairman.

In football's eighth decade, the game underwent two major changes. The T, with a man in motion, was resurrected in 1940, making that year as good a time as any to mark the beginning of the modern era. In the next year substitution was liberalized, eventually leading to separate offensive and defensive units, or platoons, and specialists.

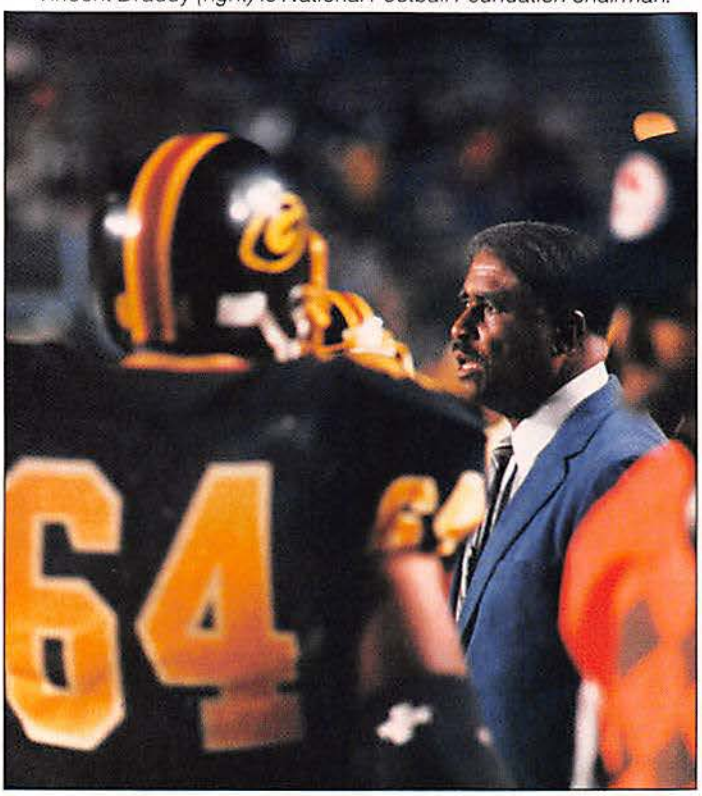
Between the two World Wars, the single and double wingback conceived by Pop Warner and the Notre Dame shift were the most popular formations. Then came the new T introduced by Shaughnessy, the split-T of Missouri's Don Faurot, the wing T of Dave Nelson, the I-formation of Tom Nugent, the veer of Bill Yeoman, and the wishbone of Darrell Royal and Emory Bellard. Bryant, Alabama's enormously successful coach, started his career with the Notre Dame box, then went to the T, the split-T, some I-formation stuff, and finally embraced the wishbone. He used the wishbone to guide his last 12 teams (1971-82) to a 124–19–1 record (.865) and three national championships. His teams at Maryland, Kentucky, Texas A&M and Alabama won 323, lost 85 and tied 17.

Bryant, who died on Jan. 26, 1983, less than a month after his last team won the Liberty Bowl game, was an intense, extremely hard-working coach with a sharp wit.

"He even relaxes intensely," his wife once said. "When we play bridge, he plays as if it's the Rose Bowl. He wants to bid and win and skip the talk. But Paul likes pressure and tough situations. That's what makes him tick."

Refinements fascinate the fans nowadays. Defenses have become as complicated, as full of diversification as offenses. Technical proficiency and finesse mark present-day football. And it's become a game of giants. Take Michigan's offensive line in the 1987 Rose Bowl game, split end to tight end: 6–8, 235; 6–3, 289; 6–2, 258; 6–1, 289; 6–4, 285; 6–7, 306; 6–4, 224. Average: 269 pounds. The line on the first All-America team ever picked, in 1889, averaged 175.

Among legendary coaches of the pre-platoon period, besides those previously mentioned, were (school or schools most often identified with listed) Bob Neyland of Tennessee, George Woodruff of Pennsylvania, Percy



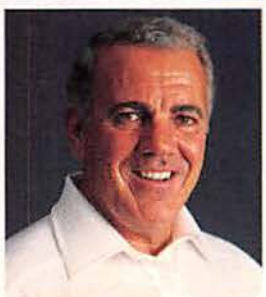
Eddie Robinson of Grambling State: 336 wins in 44 years.



Dick Butkus was the prototypical intimidating linebacker.

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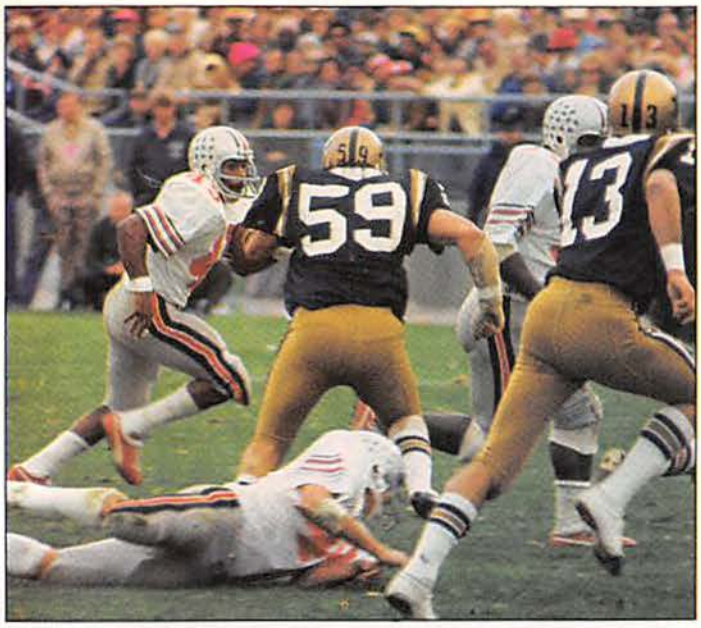
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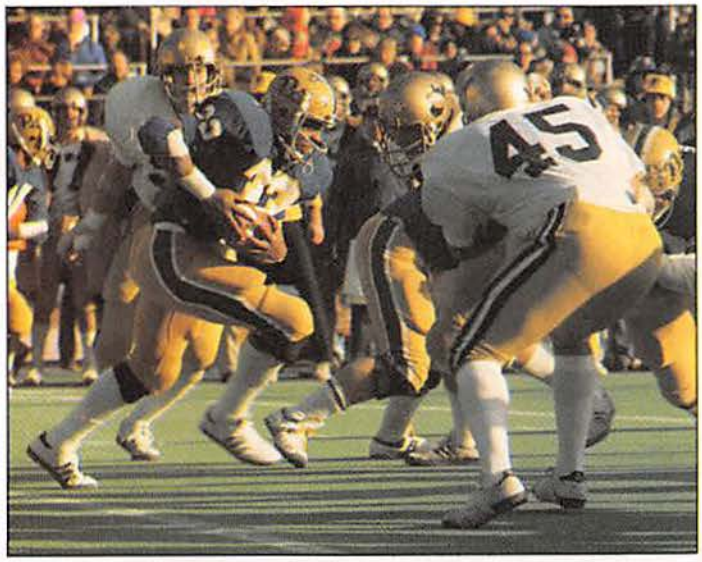
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Ohio State's Archie Griffin: only two-time Heisman Trophy winner.



At Pitt, Tony Dorsett set NCAA career rushing mark (6,082 yards).



Earl Campbell steered Texas to Southwest Conference titles.

Haughton of Harvard, Jock Sutherland of Pittsburgh, Frank Thomas of Alabama, Henry L. Williams of Minnesota, Wallace Wade of Alabama and Duke, Charley Moran of Texas A&M and Centre, Howard Jones of Southern California (he won national championships at USC after doing the same thing at Yale and Iowa), Dana X. Bible of Nebraska and Texas, Andy Smith of California, Fritz Crisler of Princeton and Michigan, Dan McGugin of Vanderbilt, Frank Cavanaugh of Boston College and Fordham, Bill Alexander of Georgia Tech, Bill Roper of Princeton, Carl Snavely of Cornell and North Carolina, Francis Schmidt of Ohio State, Tad Jones of Yale, Chick Meehan of New York University, Eddie Anderson of Holy Cross, Bennie Owen of Oklahoma, Andy Kerr of Colgate, Crowley of Fordham, Layden of Notre Dame, and Gil Dobie of Washington and Cornell.

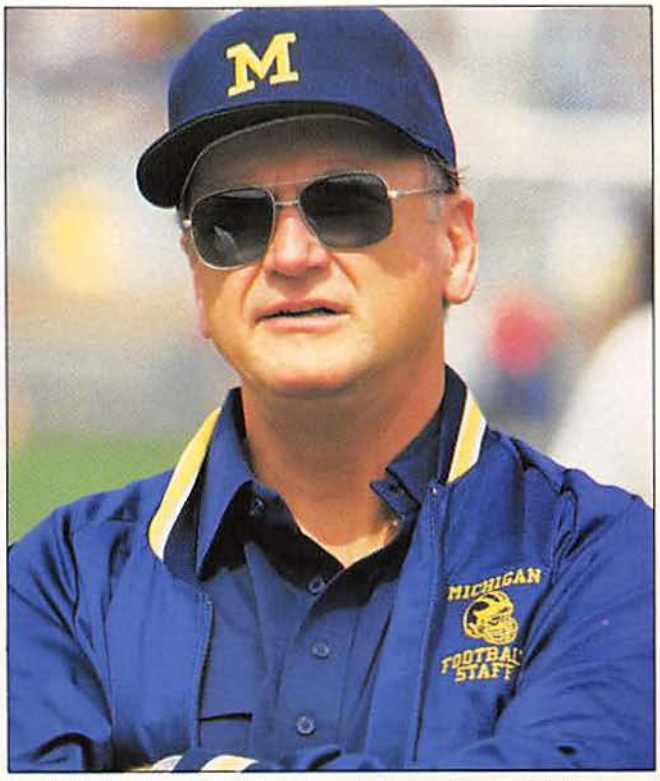
Dobie served earlier at North Dakota State, Washington and Navy, and his record for his first 18 years was 113–5–3 with 14 unbeaten seasons and 11 perfect records; he was in his 12th year before suffering defeat.

Dobie was a strange man: saturnine, paradoxical, despotic and probably the No. 1 perfectionist among coaches. He never embraced the forward pass, and after one game in 1925 when Dartmouth, striking through the air, routed his Cornell team 62–13, he told a writer, "Well, we won 13–0."

"What about Dartmouth's 62 points?" he was asked.

"I don't count scoring made by passing," Dobie replied. "That isn't football."

In free-substitution, T-formation years, notable coaches include Jess Neely of Clemson and Rice, Bud Wilkinson of



Bo Schembechler: 11 Big Ten championships at Michigan.

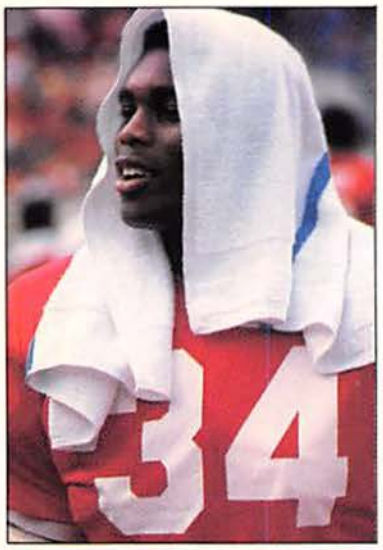
Oklahoma (47 straight wins, 1953-57), Earl Blaik of Army (his 1945 team may have been the strongest ever assembled), Jim Tatum of Maryland and North Carolina, Red Sanders of Vanderbilt and UCLA, Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne of Nebraska, Woody Hayes and Earle Bruce of Ohio State, Ben Schwartzwalder of Syracuse, Frank Broyles of Arkansas, Bobby Dodd of Georgia Tech, Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine of Notre Dame, John Vaught of Mississippi, John McKay of Southern California, Lou Holtz of Arkansas, Minnesota and Notre Dame, Frank Kush of Arizona State, Ike Armstrong of Utah, Bo Schembechler of Michigan, Barry Switzer of Oklahoma, Joe Paterno of Penn State, Vince Dooley of Georgia, Ralph "Shug" Jordan of Auburn, Don James of Washington, Bobby Bowden of Florida State, LaVell Edwards of Brigham Young, Terry Donahue of UCLA, Jackie Sherrill of Texas A&M, Hayden Fry of Iowa, and the man who overtook Bryant in wins, Eddie Robinson of Grambling (La.) State with 336 as a new season begins.

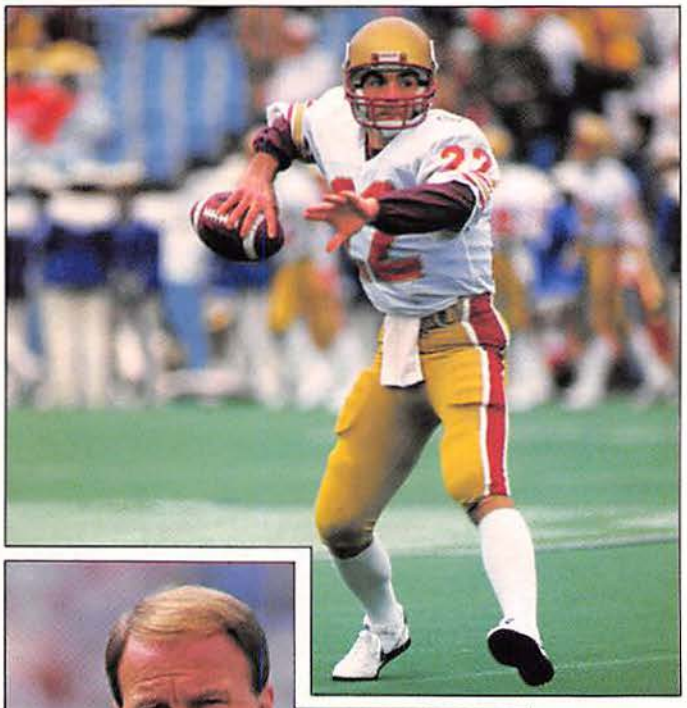
People 100 years from now will read about them in updated football history books. And also about the great players of the last 25 years: Dick Butkus of Illinois, O. J. Simpson of Southern California, Randy White of Maryland, Tony Dorsett of Pittsburgh, Lawrence Taylor of North Carolina, Earl Campbell of Texas, Herschel Walker of Georgia, Archie Griffin of Ohio State, Tony Casillas of Oklahoma, Doug Flutie of Boston College . . . where do you stop?

And for those who follow them, this year and in seasons ahead, maybe it's like Bryant once said:

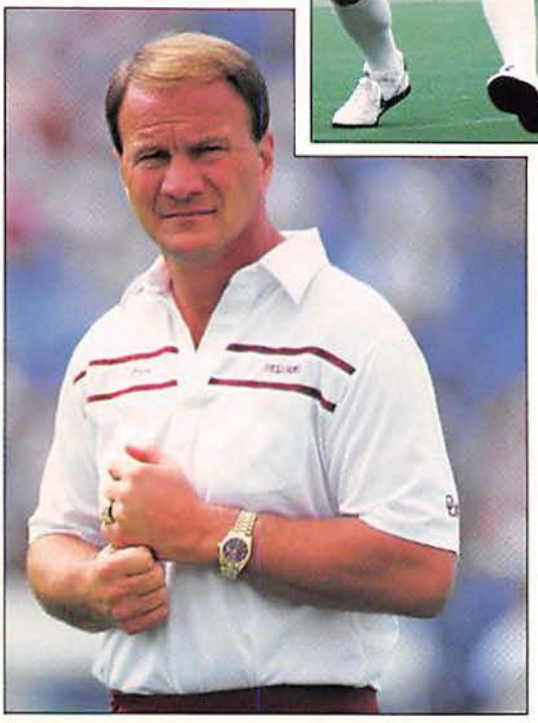
"It all comes down to those Saturdays. The band's playing and the cold chills are running up their backs and they're big men playing for a lot of people. If they love the game and if they give it everything they have in them, right then they're some of the luckiest young men anywhere in the world."

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Herschel Walker of Georgia (34) and Doug Flutie of Boston College (below) left lasting marks and won Heisman Trophies in the 1980s.





Joe Paterno of Penn State (left) and Barry Switzer of Oklahoma have won five national titles between them.



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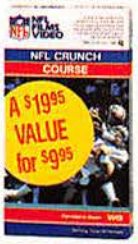
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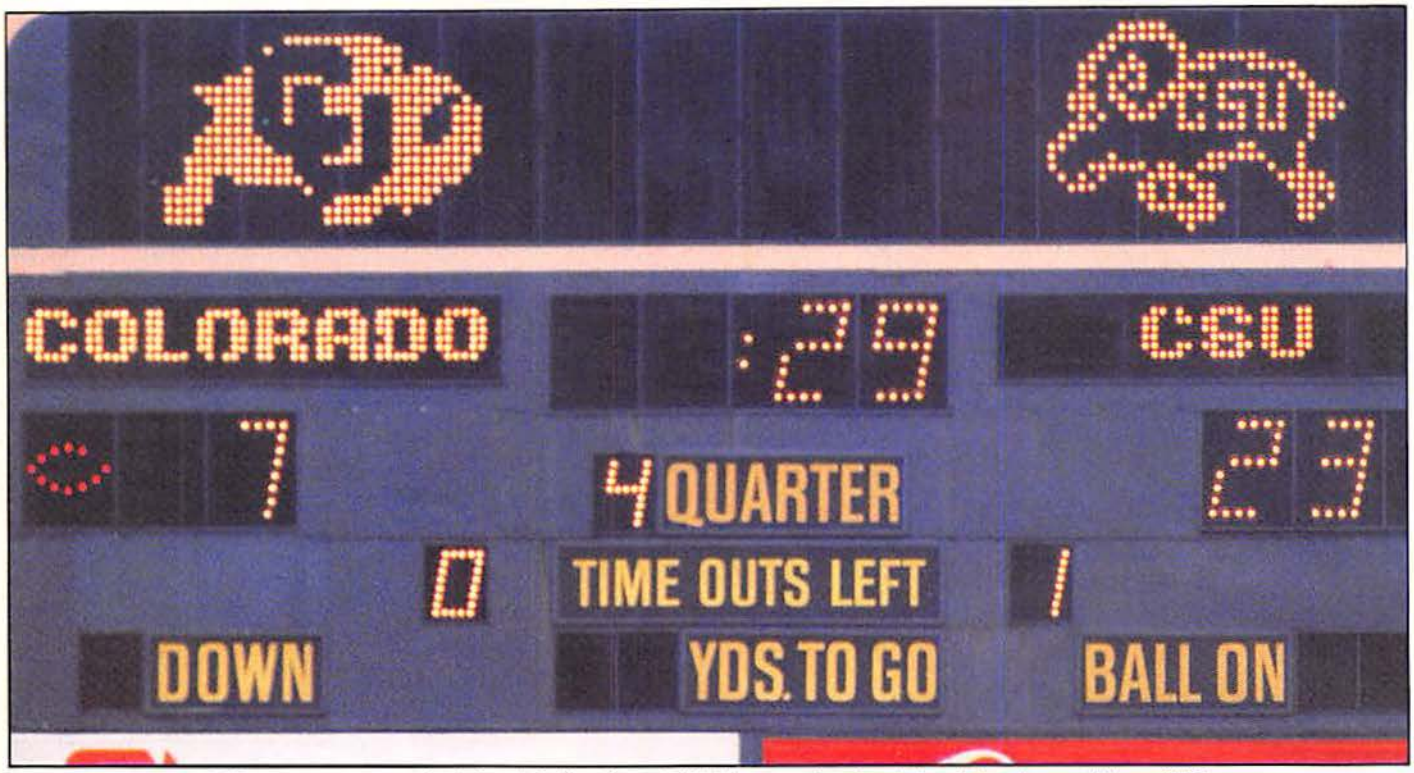
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This was one sports analyst's best "play" on Sept. 6, 1986, but too often the advice of these "experts" is unreliable.

Help from Analyst? Don't Bet on It

by Jay Searcy

The man on the telephone is telling me that Colorado State, a 15-point underdog to Colorado in the first weekend of the 1986 college football season, is the best play of the week. He is giving me reason after convincing reason why Colorado State should easily cover the spread. He has caught the bookmakers out of line. "In fact," he says, "I think Colorado State will win the game straight up."

His name is Aaron Thorne, or at least that's the name he uses for his sports handicapping business. I found him listed among the scores of sports service ads in a preseason football magazine. He is an accountant, a graduate of the State University of New York at Binghamton, divorced and living in Las Vegas. He says he has a gift for analyzing statistics and a feel for handicapping sporting events. For $300 a season, he will share his college football handicapping wisdom. He gets the same price for the pro season, or you can get both for $500. Thorne says he caters to a small, select group of customers, one of whom is a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance.

"It's true that Colorado has eight starters back on defense and seven on offense," Thorne is saying. "But Colorado State has 10 defensive starters back and nine returning offensive starters."

It is a temptation to hang up and find a bookie. That's the normal procedure each week for thousands who pay people like Thorne for advice. The sports analysts, as they like to be called, or the touts, as they were called in times past, can't suggest that you use their information for betting purposes; that's against the law. So they don't ever say bet. They say play, as in, "This is my play of the week."

Thorne's service, A.S.T. Sports (his initials), helps make up the multimillion-dollar sports handicapping industry, which has grown from a handful to an estimated 700 or more services in the last 10 years. No license is required. There are no government regulations. There is no official watchdog. These are mostly one- or two-man operations based in someone's home. All one needs to go into business is a telephone and a football schedule.

With no rules or restrictions, the industry quickly earned a reputation for high-pressure, boiler-room telephone sales tactics, and even the people who make their living at it admit that the majority of the so-called experts are nothing more than fly-by-night rip-off artists.

Many of the companies never advertise. They make contacts by telephone or direct mail and are practically invisible. Most of them come and go, and some operate under one

name and telephone number one year and another name with a new number the next.

Two of the more established analysts are Danny Sheridan of Mobile, Ala., and Mike Warren of Baltimore. They have parlayed their handicapping businesses into highly successful sales organizations through aggressive marketing schemes. Warren claims to have had as many as 12,000 subscribers at one time. In a slick-paper, color preseason mail advertisement last year, he told potential customers, "Unfortunately, because so many of last season's subscribers are renewing memberships because they made so much money, we will only be accepting a limited number of new members this season."

Neither Warren nor Sheridan is monitored by an independent agency.

Every sports analyst in the business admits that the industry is rife with rip-offs, but it is always the other service that is guilty. Thorne insists that there are a few honest and skilled handicappers "like myself" who do their homework and earn their money. "Probably five percent are legitimate," he says.

The trouble is, the telephone customer can't tell one from another, judging by the ads that fill publications like the *Las Vegas Sports News* and the *Football News*. *USA TODAY* carries a half page of such advertising once a week. Many of the ads are misleading, with lures of big bucks and little risk. The ads are not screened and the accuracy of the claims isn't verified.

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In addition to Thorne's service, I selected several other ads, then called and asked for permission to monitor their weekly selection for the season. Some refused. But five, including Thorne, agreed. Not only would they allow me to monitor their selections, they would answer my questions as the season progressed and help me walk through the mine field of football handicapping.

My 1986 forecasters' lineup and advertised credentials:

• A.S.T. Sports, Las Vegas. In business three years. Hit 68 percent in pro football in 1985; 71 percent on top-rated college plays; 7-0 on selections on ESPN. Monitored by the American Association of Documented Sports Services (AADSS).

• K&B Sports, Calhoun, Ga. President, Ken Angland and partner Bill Campbell. Angland is a former purchasing agent. Campbell works in quality control in a carpet factory. Four years in handicapping business. 1985 NFL percentage contest winner with 70; nationally syndicated college football Experts Bowl champion; 64 percent winners in college football in 1984 and 1985. Monitored by AADSS.

• Alleghenies Analysis, State College, Pa. President, Donn Wagner, Lock Haven State graduate. In business since 1976. "The nation's 10-star leader." Monitored by AADSS and Sports Monitor.

• Sports Reporter, Lynbrook, N.Y. President, Richard Bomze. Editor, Dave Piermont. In business since 1975. Claims to have the nation's top-selling handicapping newsletter. Employs about 30 people, including part-timers. Not monitored.

• Brad Diamond, Havertown, Pa. A business management graduate from La Salle, he has taught a college handicapping course, has a radio show in Philadelphia and has been in business 10 years. A one-man operator.

For a control sample, I engaged my next-door neighbor, 79-year-old Millie Vogl, a widow who has never been to a football game. She sat at my kitchen table one afternoon and, with her eyes closed, used a hatpin to pick three games for each week of the season.

To have a winning season, a handicapper must pick more than 52.3 percent winners to account for the 2.3 percent vigorish (the fee charged by bookmakers). Despite the promising claims, only about 30 percent show a profit, according to figures gathered over seven years in a *Philadelphia Inquirer* contest of selected national handicappers.

John Hodges, for a fee, documents more than 100 services each year for AADSS and runs a handicapping contest in his publication, the *Las Vegas Sports News*. He says that in nine years, only 15 services have picked as many as 70 percent winners for a full season and that none has done it two years in a row. That's 15 times in about 1000 chances. Only about 10 services out of 100 will pick as many as 60 percent winners.

Despite such odds, thousands of people subscribe to the telephone services each year, with great expectations. Suppose, for instance, that I had accepted Aaron Thorne's advice and bet on Colorado State, a 15-point underdog. They upset Colorado just as Thorne predicted.

Of the six selections Thorne gave out, four were winners. He was 2-0 on his top-rated picks. It would have been a great temptation to follow him the rest of the year.

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(Analysts continued)

But other first-week results were more sobering. Sports Reporter had a 2-3 record, K&B was 2-1-1, Brad Diamond was 4-4 and Alleghenies Analysis was 1-4.

Hatpin Millie? Two wins, one loss.

The pattern continued as the season wore on. After five weeks Thorne had slowed to an overall (college and pro) record of 17-13-1 (57 percent). Sports Reporter's record was 15-15-1, K&B had dropped to 10-17-1 (37 percent), Brad Diamond stood at 18-24-1 (43) and Alleghenies Analysis had a 13-19 record (41). Millie and her hatpin had a 9-5-1 record (64 percent).

Things had not improved much after the 10th week. Thorne had dropped to 27-29-3 (48 percent), Sports Reporter stood 32-38-3 (46), K&B was 26-33-1 (44), Brad Diamond was 47-41-1 (53) and Alleghenies Analysis was 29-31 (48 percent). Millie was 16-13-1 (55 percent).

I called Angland, president of K&B Sports. I asked: "What do you say to customers who are paying you for losing advice? Are you getting heat?"

"Yes," he said. "Somebody calls and says your service stinks, but you learn to live with it. You take the good with the bad. When things are going good, you're the king. Most people are patient, but if you have a couple of bad weeks . . . One guy called and said, 'OK, now let me sell my picks to you.' "

K&B finished the regular season with a dismal record: 40-53-2 (43 percent). It was 2-4 on its best bets and lost its game-of-the-year pick. But don't worry. A headline in a January 1987 issue of the *Las Vegas Sports News* read: "K&B Moves to Lead in NBA." It was business as usual. For the information I received from K&B, the price for the football season would have been $575.

None of the services I monitored showed a profit for the regular season, except for themselves.

Sports Reporter finished the 16 weeks with a 59-54-3 record (52.2 percent), barely missing the break-even point. It would have cost me approximately $2,000 had I been a regular-paying telephone subscriber.

According to Sports Monitor, Brad Diamond closed the 16-week season with a record of 89-91 (49 percent). I monitored him only 14 weeks because I failed to reach him before game time on two weekends.

When I failed to reach him in time for his selections for the last week of the regular season, I called later to get his results. He said he had a 5-0 record. His monitoring service showed he had a 2-5 record. "The selections I gave you were made on Friday night," he said, "and I sometimes change my selections from Friday night to Saturday. I don't really get a chance to work at it until later Friday night."

So if a client called on Friday, Diamond's selection might be team A, and if another client called on Saturday, Diamond's selection might be the opposite side of the same game?

"That's the way I work it," he said.

So he was giving me different selections than he was giving the independent monitor?

"Right," he said, "because you are not a client."

Diamond's service would have cost me between $800 and $1000 if I had been a client.

Alleghenies Analysis finished 36-44-1 (45 percent). The regular-season service would have cost $800.

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The records were for college and pro games during the regular season only. And in most cases, the base fee does not include postseason games, game-of-the-year picks and other special offerings.

Millie "The Hatpin" Vogl had a 24-23-1 record (51 percent), which means she almost broke even for the season. But with her, there was no service charge for the hatpin.

Aaron Thorne? He was the biggest surprise of all. After 13 weeks, with a 31-33-3 record, he dropped out of business and made a plea that something be done about "an industry out of control."

"The sports service industry is nothing but an illusion created by people with great marketing skills," he said. "There are very few people who can actually handicap successfully. Innocent people are being destroyed by these people, and it must stop. The dream world of a compulsive gambler is to have all the great things in the world without any effort. It took me a long time to realize this.

"Do you know what a compulsive gambler is? These are the kind of people who use sports services. The services take advantage of them because they are weak and cannot say no."

Thorne outlined some of the ploys used by some services.

"In some cases they will give out one team to one subscriber and the team's opponent to another subscriber," he said. "That way they are guaranteed to please half of their customers."

Most services rate their selections—10-star, 7-star, 3-star, game of the month, etc.—so that if the service's overall won-lost record is poor, it will find some positive point to advertise the following week.

Wagner's handling of the Alleghenies Analysis advertising during his losing 1986 season is an example. After a 1-4 start on the first college football Saturday, Wagner came back advertising successes in past seasons. Later he advertised a 13-3 roll on Monday night winners dating back two seasons. With his overall record at 9-16 late in September, the following line was part of an ad in *Football News*: "Donn Wagner is Mr. October (10 straight winning weeks in October since October 15, 1983)."

Wagner is the only one of the five that was monitored by three independent agencies—Hodges' AADSS, Sports Monitor, a two-year-old Oklahoma City operation owned by Ruth Glasgow, and Sportswatch, a new service in Williamsport, Pa., operated by a postal employee and National Guard pilot named Don Kline.

Hodges had Wagner's regular-season college and pro combined record at 51-53. Sports Monitor had the record for the same time at 66-58. On games monitored by me he was 36-44-1.

Sportswatch didn't begin monitoring Wagner until late in the football season and posted his overall record at 22-23. Kline said only four of the 30 services he monitored finished with winning records.

Wagner insists that his customers make money even though he has a losing record overall. "All my picks are rated," he said, "three-star, five-star, 10-star. You bet more on the higher-rated games."

Sports Reporter is the only one of the five services that did not subscribe to a monitoring service. Asked why, editor Piermont laughed and replied, "Who's going to monitor the monitor?"

That comment describes the sports services industry atmosphere as well as any.

There are at least four independent monitoring agencies. The dean is 43-year-old Mike McKusker, a former sportswriter now living in Las Vegas. He publishes an annual watchdog report each year called *Tipsters and Gypsters*, in which he provides results of services he monitored the season before and accuses others of unethical practices. He worked for two sports services before setting up the nation's first monitoring system.

Although football betting is illegal in America everywhere except in Nevada, it is estimated that 50 million people bet on football games in one form or another. Twelve million are believed to be compulsive gamblers. Football betting has become a billion-dollar industry.

On the surface, the sports service industry offers expertise to paying customers, much the way stockbrokers offer help to those who play the market. The difference is that the sports service industry is not regulated. Anything goes. Buyer beware.

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Good News Outweighs Bad: College Football Shaping Up

by Steve Wieberg

It wasn't complete peace of mind. That's too much to expect—and always will be—in a business so long susceptible to scandal.

But early this year, about the time the National Collegiate Athletic Association was gathering for its annual convention in San Diego, the mood in college athletics seemed to be shifting. Presidents, faculty representatives and athletic directors were more upbeat than upset. Issue by issue, the major reforms they felt were needed had already been put in place.

Academic standards—*check*. Proposal 48, the controversial raising of standards for incoming freshman athletes, had taken its first, jarring bite out of football and basketball recruiting classes.

Rules enforcement—*check*. The NCAA's "death penalty" was in the books, threatening and theoretically deterring would-be violators with up to a two-year shutdown of their programs.

Drug-testing—*check*. The first season of screening had kept 21 steroid and street-drug users from playing in football bowl games.

So much for crisis intervention. The time had come, NCAA officials said, for legislative fine-tuning instead of overhauling. Firm up control over boosters. Make recruiting seasons more manageable. Give schools a look at their coaches' outside income.

Little did they know that Southern Methodist and the rest of the Southwest Conference weren't finished playing the college football's version of limbo.

Deep voice now: *How lo-o-o-w can you go-o-o-o?*

Hardly more than a year after going on NCAA probation in August 1985, boosters were found still sweetening the pocketbooks of SMU football players—a death penalty offense. The program was barred from competition this season and stripped of so many scholarships that interim school President William Stallcup elected not to play the seven games allotted in 1988 as well.

Texas Gov. Bill Clements admitted the illegal payments had continued with his blessing as chairman of SMU's Board of Governors. The board was abolished shortly after Clements' statement.

Then, the NCAA infractions committee slapped Texas Tech's football program with a year's probation. That left only three of nine SWC schools—Arkansas, Baylor and Rice—not on probation or under some kind of investigation in football.

"It doesn't seem like it's real," Arkansas Athletic Director Frank Broyles said at one point. "Everybody's disappointed, really disappointed."

Charles Alan Wright, a Texas law professor and former infractions committee chairman, called Clements' admission "as disturbing a thing as I can remember."

Disturbing, yes. Devastating, no. That feeling of encouragement that pervaded the San Diego convention has survived.

At the same time SMU was dragging college athletics through the mud, it demonstrated, Hiroshima-like, the death penalty's power of retribution. Reading it in the rulebook is one thing. Seeing it in practice, leaving a school in football-mad Texas without a program for two years and probably without a competitive team for quite a while longer, is quite another.

"I think a message was certainly sent out to those who feel cheating is just a way of doing business, who feel that if you get on TV and in a bowl game three years out of five and on probation two of five it's worth it," said former NCAA President Jack Davis of Oregon State. "The penalties are going to far outweigh the benefits."

Already, the NCAA may be seeing the deterrent effect it sought. A number of football coaches, including Indiana's Bill Mallory and Mississippi State's Rockey Felker, say the past recruiting season was one of the cleanest they'd seen. So did David Berst, the NCAA's director of enforcement.

"Normally," Berst says, "at least 10-15 very serious issues develop on signing day or a couple of days after that. That number was significantly down this year. We haven't had the same kind of concern expressed."

Says Felker: "You go into a house, and the parents and the recruited players are a lot more educated about the rules and what you can and cannot do. I think that, along with the threat (of the death penalty), is helping out."

Most of the problems that do continue to surface involve wayward boosters. At SMU, it was wealthy area businessmen who set up a slush fund that provided 13 players with $61,000. It was boosters who committed the violations that got Texas Christian its current three-year probationary sentence and embarrassed rulebook-thumping Coach Jim Wacker.

So in San Diego, the NCAA went a step beyond its previous ban on boosters' off-campus contact with recruits. They're now prohibited from recruiting on or off campus, including a ban on phone calls or letters to prospects.

The next step, perhaps, is additional sanctions against guilty athletes themselves.

Says Georgetown basketball Coach John Thompson: "Sometimes we give educators and coaches more responsibility than we do parents. And I don't think that's fair.

"I think when these kids are taking bribes, they shouldn't be able to play. I think it's totally ridiculous to let a group of kids take handouts from people and then go to any school they want, and we have to go through the recruitment process with them again. That's the biggest bunch of hypocrisy I've ever seen.



"That relates to drugs, too. If a young man needs help, give it to him. That could happen to me; that could happen to anybody. But we have to start placing blame. A person has got to be responsible for his own actions."

Drugs, of course, are the colleges' hottest new issue. The NCAA's testing program went into effect last August, drew its first urine samples at the cross-country championships in November, then stirred up a storm before football's December and New Year's Day bowl games.

That's when positive results—mostly for steroid use—sent several big-name players to the sidelines, including Oklahoma linebacker Brian Bosworth and Southern California lineman Jeff Bregel.

All it cost them and their teams was the players' participation. Team sanctions were suspended during the testing program's first year, and will be suspended with some exceptions through the 1987 season.

The burning question: How will the sanctions be enforced?

John Toner, chairman of the NCAA's drug-testing committee, says the NCAA executive committee would determine if a player who tested positive after a championship or bowl game had a "significant role" in the game. In basketball, he says, that could be based on playing time. In football, touchdowns or tackles could be taken into account with minutes played.

Coaches, however, are already uneasy about that kind of judgment.

"I can sit down with the film and influence your thinking in a minute," says new Southern Cal football Coach Larry Smith. "You have to eliminate gray areas in drugs. It's got to be either black or white."

"If a guy plays one play and runs a punt back for a touchdown," says North Carolina's Dick Crum, "that's a pretty significant influence on the game. But he played only one play. It can really lead to some problems because any time there aren't cold, hard facts, you're going to get argument."

In time, Smith and Crum may also find themselves being tested. Toner said his committee is giving thought to screening coaches and game officials in addition to players.

Sounding a tad like major-league Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth when he promised—but didn't produce—a drug-free game last season, Toner set an optimistic timetable for ultimately cleaning up the college programs.

"I wouldn't say three years," he says, "but I think that's a reasonable expectation. If we continue our program and we let our sanctions evolve to team sanctions, yes."

The NCAA is talking expansion, too, of Proposal

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48. In fact, the stricter academic guidelines have already been extended from Division I to Division II, starting in August 1988.

The rule's first-year report card:

- Two hundred Division I-A football recruits sat out their freshman seasons because they failed to meet requirements for either the test score (700 SAT, 15 ACT) or core curriculum (2.0 grade-point average in 11 specified high school subjects), according to *USA TODAY*.
- The cut was even deeper in Division I basketball, where 13 percent (129 of 990 recruits) were ineligible their first year.
- Black athletes, as expected, were most affected. According to the *Dallas Times Herald*, 85 percent of the I-A football recruits who fell beneath the standards were black. In the predominantly black Southwestern Athletic and Mid-Eastern Athletic conferences, 28 percent of the signees—more than double the national average—were ineligible their first year.

All of those figures, however, are expected to drop this year. While 16 of the top 100 high school football prospects were affected by Proposal 48 in 1986, recruiting expert Max Emfinger predicted the number in 1987 to be about 10.

"Our coaches, when they come back after looking at the top blue-chip players in the country, say all those kids are now making higher test scores, particularly among the black athletes," says Oklahoma football Coach Barry Switzer. "Whether kids are black or white, tell them to perform and they can perform."

"We're more educated about it. The kids know more about it," says Dwight Thomas, the football coach at powerful Pensacola (Fla.) Escambia High School. "I think we're going to do a much better job. You're going to see a lot of improvement everywhere. And every year, it's going to get better. It's the law, and the kids know that."

"We want to expand on those things that are good in college athletics and correct those things that aren't."

Switzer has one suggestion: If a Proposal 48 victim makes sufficient academic progress his first semester, let him participate in spring practice instead of forcing him to sit out the entire school year. Because such non-skill-position players as linemen and linebackers often must be redshirted after missing a season, they're stuck with a two-year penalty.

But the NCAA, particularly the 44 members of the influential Presidents Commission (college presidents are increasingly visible in restoring integrity to college athletics), isn't likely to tinker with the rule. Nor with enforcement and drug-testing regulations after the recent years of special attention.

Emphasis these days is on athletic de-emphasis and cost containment. On scholarship and coaching staff reductions. On shortened playing seasons. On reducing the length of spring football practice.

That was the theme of the NCAA's special June convention in Dallas. And four related issues—financial aid, freshman eligibility, revenue sharing and team championships—are the subjects of a series of open forums being conducted to shape legislation for the January 1989 convention.

Already, the number of yearly football scholarships has been cut from 30 to 25 per school in Division I-A. Basketball grants have been cut from 15 to 13. Both recruiting seasons were shortened by more than half, from about five months to seven weeks in football and about nine months to four in basketball.

Coaches aren't particularly happy. Indiana basketball Coach Bob Knight went so far as to say Division I schools "have to get out of the NCAA and form an organization of people who want to play the game and play it right."

Says Maryland Chancellor and Presidents Commission Chairman John Slaughter: "We believe that strong intercollegiate programs can coexist with strong academics, but there is also a need to bring those things into balance. We want to expand on those things that are good in college athletics and correct those things that aren't."

University of California Chancellor and Presidents Commission member I.M. Heyman draws an even harder line.

"There is a unanimity," he says, "that if nothing else, we ought to cap the momentum of where intercollegiate activities has gone, because it has gone more to approximate professional athletics."

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Honoring Men Who Honor the Game

by Fred Russell

(The author is the sportswriter most closely associated with the National Football Foundation since its start and has been chairman of the Honors Court for 25 years.)

If your dish is college football, the place to find the most All-America players and other notables of the game in one room is at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City on Tuesday evening, Dec. 8. That's the date of the National Football Foundation's 30th annual Awards Dinner.

Always it's a sellout, featuring the most recent electees to the Hall of Fame.

Often the question is heard: How are the 11 living players, three deceased players, two living coaches and one deceased coach chosen each year?

A player who has made at least one All-America selection becomes eligible for consideration 10 years after graduation. If he is still playing professional football at that time, he is not eligible until his pro career has ended.

A coach becomes eligible three years after retirement, provided he has been a college head coach for a minimum of 10 years, coached in at least 100 games and has won 60 percent of those games.

The purpose in honoring heroes of the past is to perpetuate the memory of football greats who not only were outstanding performers on the field, but who in their lives after college rendered conspicuous service to their community, demonstrated a love of country and concern for their fellow man.

"We honor men who honor the game, men who are leaders, men who inspire our nation's youth," says Vincent dePaul Draddy, NFFHF chairman.

Candidates are nominated first by NFFHF chapter members. Nominations also may be made by college athletic directors, football coaches and sports information directors, and must be sent to NFFHF executive director and Honors Court (selection committee) secretary Jimmie McDowell by May 1 each year. A further check by chapters and district screening committees follows.

Early in January each year the 12-member Honors Court meets, prepared to devote an entire day to deliberation, if necessary. The Court is composed of one representative from each of eight geographical districts, plus four members-at-large. Most often they are athletic directors, conference commissioners, bowl officers and veteran sportswriters. Each term is for five years and members are eligible for reappointment.

Record books, statistics and recommendations of fellow players and opponents are examined, and after-college achievements studied carefully. Some Honors Court sessions have been marked by strenuous arguments. Yet, given the subjectivity, there has been no instance of accusatory sectional prejudice or angry resignation, which is remarkable.

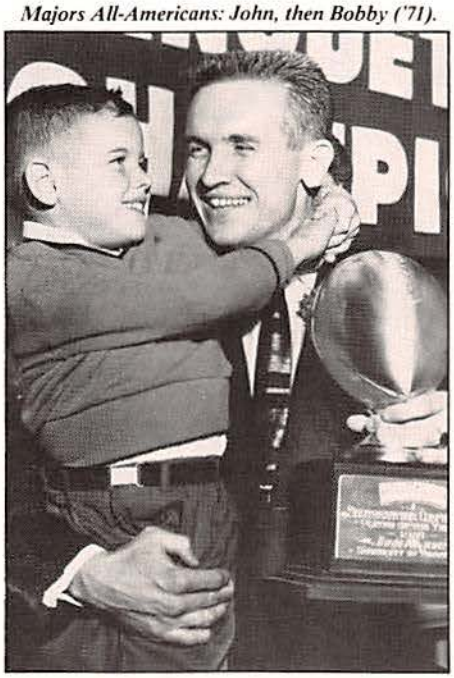
Perhaps the rarest, most unexpected conclusion occurred last January at San Diego in electing 11 living players. There were 80 nominees. After long discussion, there was secret balloting. Often this has gone six or eight rounds. On the first round, 27 players received one or more votes. On the very next ballot, remarkably, 11 players—the magic number—gained substantial majorities.

Also, despite no effort to insure positional balance, three backs emerged: Fran Tarkenton, Georgia; Don Heinrich, Washington; and John Majors, Tennessee, along with eight linemen: George Webster, Michigan State; Ted Hendricks, University of Miami; Joe Steffy, Army; Carroll Dale, Virginia Tech; Jim Ray Smith, Baylor; Mike Reid, Penn State; Dick Scott, Navy; and Ron Yary, Southern California.

Deceased players elected were Mike McKeever, Southern California; Bob Westfall, Michigan; and Tommy Yarr, Notre Dame. The deceased coach was Thad "Pie" Vann, Southern Mississippi. Living coaches chosen are Bob Blackman, formerly at Denver, Dartmouth, Illinois and Cornell; and David Nelson, at Hillsdale, Maine and Delaware.

There have been very, very few All-America players who became winning coaches over a long period. "I was thrilled to be voted in as a player," said Majors, whose 19-year coaching record going into the 1987 season is 124-88-7. Retired Bobby Dodd, 1930 Tennessee All-America quarterback, elected as a player, would prefer to have been chosen as a Georgia Tech coach. It makes no difference to John Vaught, All-America guard at Texas Christian and later dominantly victorious coach at Ole Miss. He was elected as a player. When the National Football Foundation established its Hall of Fame, it decreed that only one person, the legendary Amos Alonzo Stagg, would be tapped as both player and coach.

Majors All-Americans: John, then Bobby ('71).



With the 1987 electees, a total of 513 former players and 101 former coaches will be enshrined in the Hall of Fame at Kings Island, Ohio. They've been elected from over two million who played the game. The Georgian Colonial structure of red brick and white limestone, with its white-pillared porch, is located 24 miles north of Cincinnati and is much more than a museum. It is designed to offer visitors football excitement in a modern mood, blending multimedia concepts into a fun-providing learning process.

A one-eighth of a mile Time Tunnel traces the 2,000-year development of the game from ancient Greece to the present. Use of futuristic computers allows a visitor to call up the biography of any Hall of Famer. In a locker room where Knute Rockne can be heard giving a pep talk to his Notre Dame players, there are piped-in antiseptic smells.

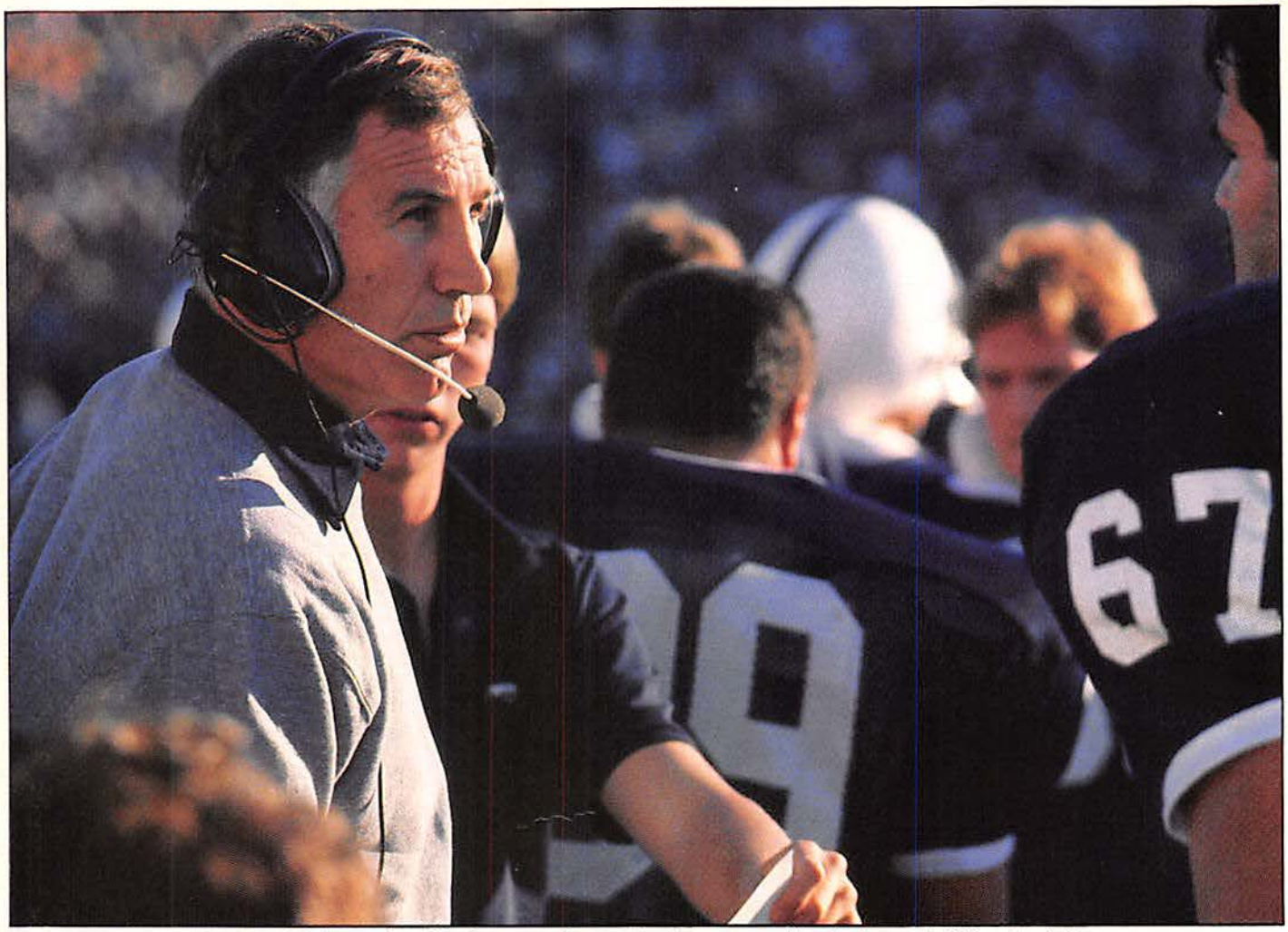
The first idea for a college football shrine came to a group of men in Syracuse, N.Y., in 1947. Soon after that a group in New Brunswick, N.J., talked of a museum at Rutgers University there, the site of the first intercollegiate game in 1869, when Rutgers defeated Princeton. The groups later merged and in 1949 Rutgers was chosen as the site. But there was little money. Three times architects drew up plans. Each time they were discarded because of cost. In 1954, Chester LaRoche, former Yale player and New York advertising executive, headed a new committee that adopted the name National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame.

The annual induction dinners began in 1958, but it wasn't until the late 1960s that the NFFHF got off the ground under the leadership of Vince Draddy, former captain and quarterback at Manhattan College, then chairman of the board of the David Crystal Company. Draddy and his NFFHF directors decided against the Rutgers site and, after examining locations at Columbus, Ohio, and Knoxville, Tenn., completed a deal with Taft Broadcasting of Cincinnati to build the shrine at Kings Island.

At the time of its dedication, spokesman Colonel Earl Blaik, whose Dartmouth and Army teams won 166 games, lost only 48 and tied 14, said: "The National Football Foundation and this Hall of Fame seek to perpetuate the true concept of football and to gain recognition of the significant role it plays in the American way of life."

The Kings Island operation is supported principally by proceeds from the Kickoff Classic each August at the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, N.J.

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Jerry Sandusky's ingenious defensive game plan was the primary reason Penn State won the 1986 national title.

Assistant Coach of the Year

Nittany's Defensive Lion

by Bill Lyon

On the morning after Penn State had won its second national championship of this decade, what everyone wanted to know from Joe Paterno was exactly how the Nittany Lions' defense had so thoroughly defused Miami's high-octane offense. Paterno sipped at his coffee, blinked owlishly and responded: "I don't know exactly. Jerry hasn't explained to me the details of what we were doing yet."

He was only half-kidding.

Jerry is Jerry Sandusky, a cerebral, aw-shucks-humble, relentless watcher and analyzer of films, and, most importantly, the defensive coordinator for the Lions. Penn State, of course, is to linebacking what Juilliard is to piano playing, and for the better part of two decades the man who has been responsible for turning out all those concertmasters in cleats at Linebacker U. has been Sandusky.

No one in sports is quite so anonymous as an assistant football coach, but on the day after Penn State had beaten Miami in the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl, Paterno was going out of his way to make sure that Sandusky was being made known nationally.

Sandusky is honored now by *Athlon* as Assistant Coach of the Year. He becomes the second such award recipient, succeeding Ken Donahue of Tennessee.

Sandusky has sent 21 linebackers to the National Football League. Seven played last fall. He has developed eight first-team All-America backers. But what has endeared him even more to Paterno is his ability to conjure up defensive magic in the biggest games against the most celebrated opponents.

When Penn State's defense shut out Miami quarterback Vinny Testaverde—zero touchdowns, five interceptions—it was just one more in a long line of throttlings dreamed up by Sandusky.

A few of the more memorable examples of Sandusky's defensive game plans:

• When Penn State won its first national championship in 1982, it did so by beating the splendiferous Herschel Walker and Georgia in the Sugar Bowl. When the game was on the line, Walker got the ball—a pitch and a sweep. He also got stuffed. The interference was strung out and Walker was smothered by four

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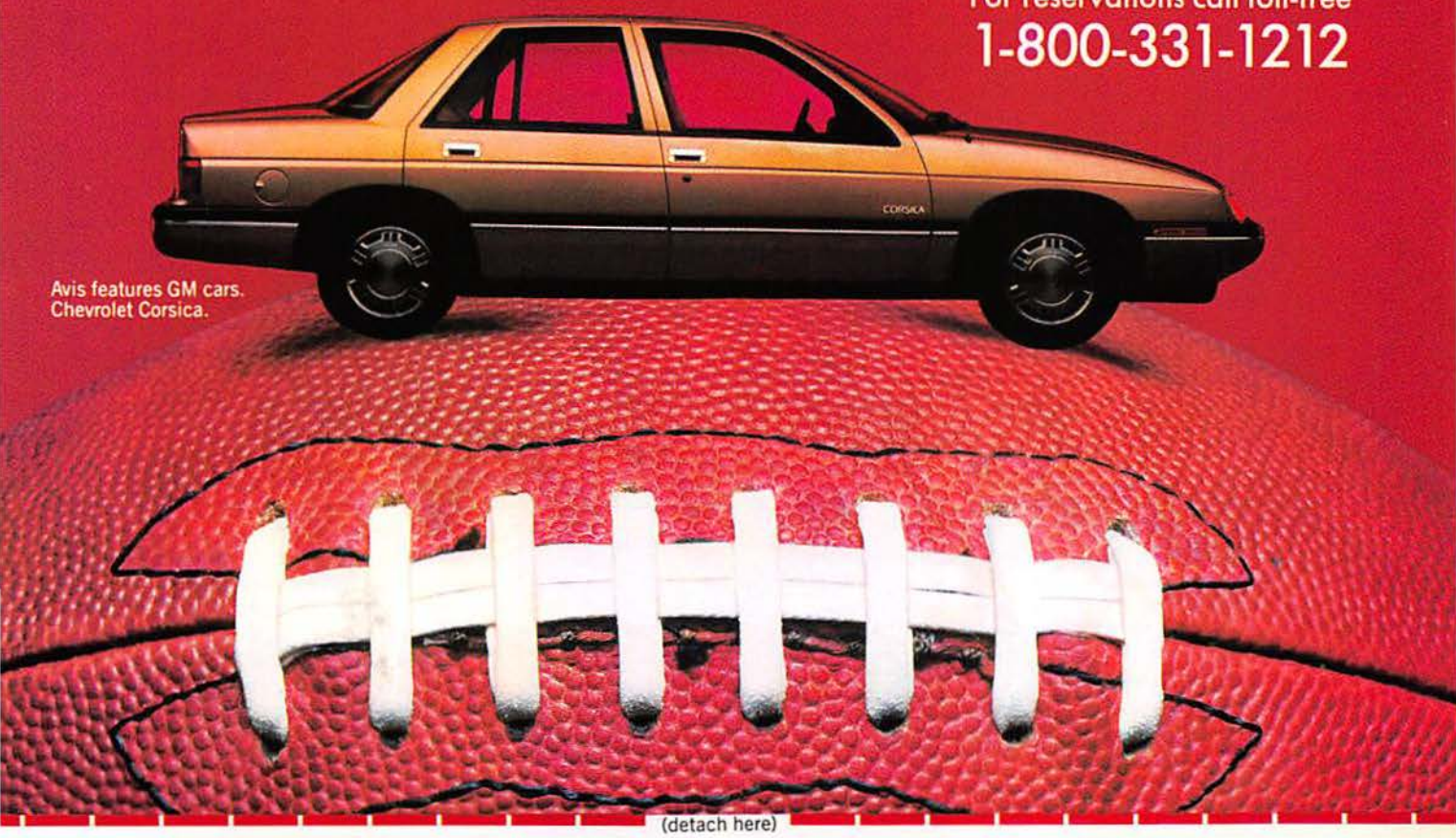
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tacklers. Sandusky: "The key with a back as powerful as Herschel is to keep him from getting turned upfield. Once he gets his shoulders squared to the line of scrimmage, it's all over. He gets headed upfield and it's a runaway truck. You have to pursue and not let him get squared up." Obediently, the defense kept Walker running laterally. Penn State 27, Georgia 23.

• The only time in his collegiate career that Marcus Allen failed to rush for 100 yards as a starter was against Penn State in the 1982 Fiesta Bowl. Sandusky: "Marcus is a great reader. He sits back there in the I-formation and knows where the holes will open. We tried to confuse him with some false reads and also to get penetration so that we could disrupt the play before it ever got started. It's important to take away the interference before it ever forms." Penn State 26, Southern California 10.

• Dan Marino had already put up two touchdowns and was driving Pitt in for a third on Nov. 28, 1981. It was 14-0, and still Penn State insisted on sitting back in that eight-deep defense. Suddenly, it would all make sense. There was an interception by the Lions. And another. Marino, in stages, became confused, uncertain, tentative. He would cock and aim, and then cock again. He never dented Penn State's defense again. The Nittany Lions ran off 48 unanswered points. Sandusky: "Most of the time we only rushed three because we felt he was a more dangerous passer when he was flushed from the pocket. With eight in the secondary, we could really disguise our coverages." Penn State 48, Pitt 14.

Those are some of the more recent of Sandusky's defensive triumphs. None, however, is more pristine than the 14-10 victory over Miami in the 1987 Fiesta Bowl. Testaverde, like Marino before him, was befuddled by Sandusky's cleverly camouflaged defensive alignments. Testaverde had thrown 116 straight passes without an interception in 1985 and 114 last season. Yet the Heisman Trophy winner was intercepted five times by Penn State.

"He was just throwing by the numbers," Paterno said. "He didn't expect anybody to be there. Jerry did another remarkable job."

Sandusky, typically, had gone half-blind looking at Miami films, and finally one bleary-eyed early morning had concluded that if Miami's receivers were jammed at the line, they tended to lose interest in running their routes, and that if they were whacked with gusto when they did catch the ball, their enthusiasm for future plays tended to wane quickly.

"Coach Sandusky told us that if we'd lay a good lick on their receivers when they caught the ball, then their arms would get about eight inches shorter," says cornerback Duffy Cobbs. "He was right. But then he always is. Every play, it seemed Vinny was staring me right in the eyes. We'd be faking man-to-man coverage and I'd be saying to myself, 'I hope he believes it, I hope he believes it.' He'd chuckle just before the snap, and we'd all think, 'Good, and switch to a zone."

Adds Shane Conlan, the latest, and acclaimed as the best, of the Penn State linebackers: "All week they kept going on and on about how great and fast their receivers were and how short and slow our defensive backs were, but I just smiled to myself, because I knew they'd never been hit by them. Those little guys will rock you. I thought that was the key to the game. We didn't say much but we were confident, because we knew Coach Sandusky would come up with a way to stop them."

After all of these testimonials, the wonder is that Sandusky is not a head coach somewhere. Surely someone has tried to lure him away from Happy Valley. The answer is that college and pro teams alike have tried.

"Many people have talked to me about hiring him," Paterno says. "He has great teaching ability and a gift for setting up the sort of drills that teach the kids to execute all of the things we ask them to do as linebackers. Jerry has been reluctant to talk to anybody about a head coaching job, though, because of all the commitments he has in this community."

Ah yes, the commitments. They, more even than his defensive genius, are what set Sandusky and his wife, Dottie, apart from the crowd.

The Sanduskys were unable to have children of their own, so in 1969 they adopted a son. Later, they adopted another child. And then another. And another. Six, finally. And then they began to raise foster children. As the family grew, the Sanduskys dreamed about starting a group home for troubled youngsters. That dream has since become reality—a house, for six children at a time, and 20 acres of land only two miles from Beaver Stadium. It is known as The Second Mile, as in Matthew 5:41: "And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain." Part of the finances come from the sale of a manual written by Sandusky: *Developing Linebackers the Penn State Way.*

Says Paterno: "Jerry and Dottie are special, special people. We're all so proud of what they have done, and we certainly would hate to lose them. But at the same time, I'd hate to see him lose his chance to be a head coach."

Says Sandusky, shrugging: "There was a time when I really was interested in becoming a head coach. After all, that's what everyone in this profession aspires to. But the timing never really seemed quite right, and then we had so many things developing with our own family and with the house. We believe in the saying that it's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that is important. If it's meant to be, then it will happen."

It is, his associates all testify, Sandusky's nature to be happy only when he is helping others. Which would seem to be the essence of an assistant coach.

"We recruit an awful lot of linebackers," Sandusky says. "Those kinds of kids are usually leaders, outgoing, the ones the other kids turn to for leadership."

Interestingly, when he played football, first at Washington (Pa.) High School and then at Penn State, it was not as a linebacker. He lettered three years at Penn State and was a starter in 1964 and 1965 as a defensive end. He graduated in '66 and a year later received his M.Ed. degree from Penn State. He was an assistant coach for one year each at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa., and Boston University before returning to Happy Valley.

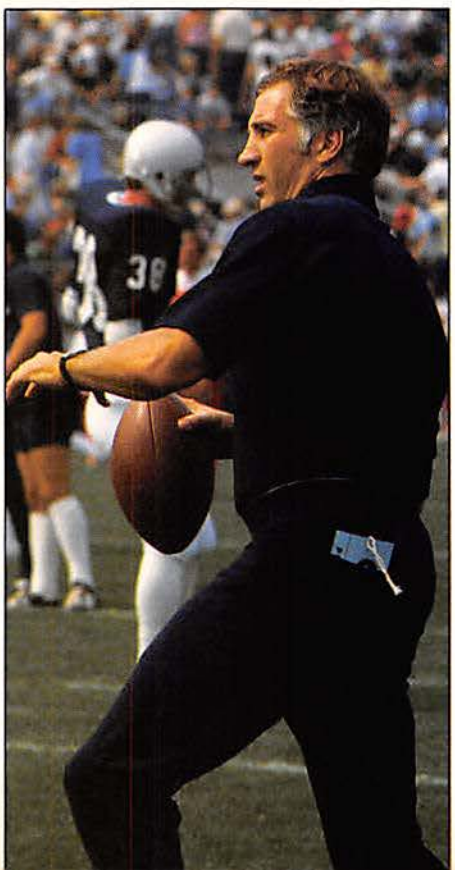
In 1969, Sandusky's first year as Penn State linebacker coach, Dennis Onkotz became a first-team All-American. It was the start of a trend.

Will Sandusky be a career assistant coach? Or, one day, will there be a team identified as his and his alone? Some speculate that he will be Paterno's successor. Paterno, who is 60, said after the Fiesta Bowl that he would coach "for another four years, maybe five, but no more than that." Would Sandusky's loyalty then be rewarded?

There is precedent. For 16 years, Rip Engle had an assistant on his Penn State staff who was skinny, wore thick glasses and was bright, and everyone wondered why he never took a head coaching job. Joe Paterno always answered that he was happy just being in Happy Valley. Jerry Sandusky says the same thing. He has always been so selfless that you cannot help but believe him.

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When Joe Paterno retires, Sandusky may toss his hat in the ring for the job.



Sometimes A Word Will Do

by Mike Babcock

Dadgumit.

Sometimes, one word is enough.

For example . . .

Nebraska trailed upset-minded Iowa State 14-7 at halftime in Ames, Iowa, last fall, after the Cyclones scored 14 points in a 45-second span late in the second quarter. And dadgumit, Cornhusker Coach Tom Osborne was concerned.

OK, he was downright angry.

"He blew his stack; he did his red-face trick," says Charlie McBride, Nebraska's defensive coordinator.

Osborne doesn't often blow his stack the way he did that afternoon. Kevin Parsons, a linebacker in his fourth season as a Cornhusker, can't recall having seen such a display before from his coach.

"It was the first time I've ever heard Coach Osborne yell at halftime," Parsons says. "He got pretty excited."

It was straight from the heart.

"People think Coach Osborne is really reserved, but all he has to say is dadgumit, and everybody gets real quiet," says Ken Kaelin, another Nebraska senior.

No swear words, just dadgumit.

"I think it kind of shocked everybody," Parsons says. "When Coach Osborne raises his voice, you know it's time to get with it."

Osborne said more than dadgumit, of course. He talked about winning a Big Eight championship and playing in a major bowl game on New Year's Day, standard motivational stuff. Then he pointed out the relationship between those things and that dadgum 14-7 deficit on the scoreboard.

The Cornhuskers responded by scoring 14 points in each of the final two quarters to win 35-14.

Sometimes, a little psychology goes a long way.

For example . . .

Maryland trailed sixth-ranked Miami 31-0 at halftime in Miami's Orange Bowl late in the 1984 season. And Bobby Ross, the Terrapins' head coach at the time, was upset, although a visitor might not have known it.

"I didn't raise my voice the entire halftime," Ross says. "Very quietly, I said, 'I want your attention.' " Then came the psychology.

It was spontaneous, unrehearsed. Ross told his players they were going to stay on the field after the game and run one 40-yard dash for each point Miami scored.

"Right now, you owe me 31 40-yard dashes," said Ross. "It's up to you how many more you want to run."



Maryland overcame a 31-0 halftime deficit in '84 with Bobby Ross applying the right psychology.

Maryland gave up nine more points in the second half and trailed 34-0 early in the third quarter. But the Terrapins scored 42 on six consecutive touchdowns and extra-point kicks.

Afterward, during Maryland's celebration of the 42-40 victory, Terrapin captains Kevin Glover and Eric Wilson whispered to Ross, "Do we still have to run those dashes?"

Ross relented. How could he make them run?

"That was as perfect a half as I can ever remember, against a very good team," Ross says. "It was a great comeback. But it seemed so matter-of-fact."

As a matter of fact, it was to some degree. Maryland's comeback was a result of more than just the threat by Ross.

The Terrapins made some adjustments. "Offensively, we wanted no motion, no shifting, quick cadences," Ross says. "Every second was precious. Defensively, every play had to be an individual battle. Players had to have personal pride and win their battles."

One of the most significant adjustments was putting backup quarterback Frank Reich into the game. Reich completed 12 of 15 passes for 260 yards and three touchdowns and ran for another touchdown.

The decision to use Reich was made by Ross and no one else. "Ordinarily, I would talk with the other coaches before doing something like that," he says, "but I had my mind made up going off the field I was going to change. I had to do something to shake things up."

Most of the time, the locker room at halftime of a college football game is pretty mundane.

"People would probably be disappointed if they knew what happens at halftime," says Boston College Coach Jack Bicknell.

That isn't to say Bicknell can't be demonstrative when the situation demands it. He can slam his hat to the floor with the best of them.

For example . . .

Boston College trailed Temple 35-21 at halftime in Philadelphia last season. The winner would likely receive a postseason bowl invitation. Bicknell was disappointed in the play of his defense, which had allowed 301 yards.

"The offense was playing like heck, but we didn't have any intensity on defense," says Bicknell.

He addressed the defense with candor.

"You've got to get into this thing," Bicknell said. "Why go to sleep on us now, when we've got a chance to be in a bowl?"

Then he took off his hat and threw it down.

Everyone knew he was mad.

"Maybe once a year Jack'll do something like that," says Reid Oslin, Boston College sports information director. "He's usually pretty laid-back. He's not a drill sergeant. He doesn't use that approach."

The Eagles went out and won the game 38-29.

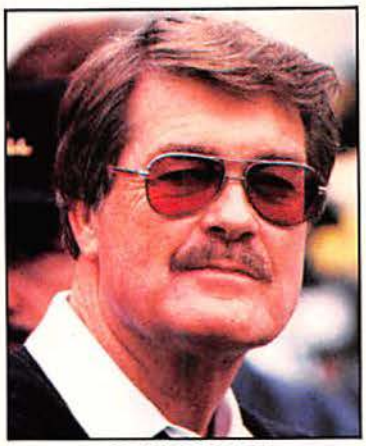
Boston College has a football highlights film that includes a look behind the scenes. Bicknell's talk at halftime of the Temple game is included.

Hollywood put college football's most famous halftime speech on film, with Pat O'Brien, playing Notre Dame Coach Knute Rockne, delivering it.

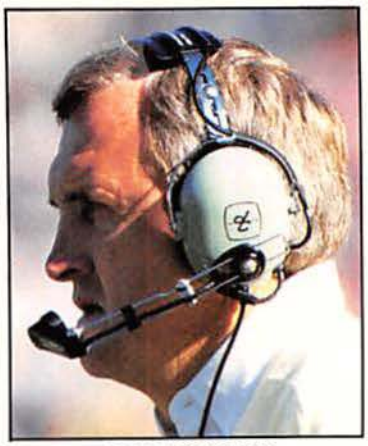
Notre Dame and Army were tied 0-0 at halftime of their game at Yankee Stadium on Nov. 10, 1928. That day, with 78,188 looking on, the Fighting Irish came back to win 12-6 after being asked by Rockne to "win one for the Gipper."

The Gipper (played by Ronald Reagan in the 1940 film) was George Gipp, a great halfback at Notre Dame who died of a strep infection in December of 1920. On his deathbed Gipp made two requests: that he be baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and (this one of Rockne) that "some day when the going

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HAYDEN FRY



JOHN COOPER

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Even as college football becomes increasingly sophisticated, in some ways it remains the same.

The complexity of defensive coverages, the bewildering multiplicity of offensive sets, the unprecedented size and speed of the athletes—all have made tremendous impacts on the game. Yet, to a large extent, the contest is still a chess match on the sidelines. The right move, at the right time, frequently dictates the outcome.

With 150 wins in his career, Iowa's Hayden Fry has long been a master of sideline strategy. In eight seasons he has guided Hawkeye teams to a 61-33-1 record, six consecutive bowl appearances and two Rose Bowls.

Fry's teams take whatever their opponents give them. They are as adept in a defensive struggle as they are in a high-scoring shootout (witness Iowa's 39-38 Holiday Bowl victory last year). The one thing you *can* expect: The Hawkeyes will always be fundamentally sound, and they will seldom beat themselves.

Play 1: Iowa meets Michigan on a wet, chilly October afternoon in Ann Arbor. Midway through the first quarter, there is no score. The Wolverine defense was stingy on Iowa's first possession. After a Michigan punt, however, the Hawkeyes have driven to their 40, where they face third and four.

- **(a)** Halfback sweep to strong side.
- **(b)** 15-yard pass to tight end over the middle.
- **(c)** Quick-out pass to flanker.

Play 2: Leading 10-7 with less than one minute remaining in the first half, Iowa has just blocked a Michigan punt and recovered inside the 10-yard line. It is now second and goal from the 5. The Hawkeyes have two timeouts left.

- **(a)** Fullback up the middle.
- **(b)** Timing pattern to wide receiver in corner of end zone.
- **(c)** Quarterback roll out, run-pass option.

Play 3: On their first second-half possession, the Wolverines put together a long scoring drive, trimming Iowa's lead to 17-14. After a holding penalty on the kickoff, the Hawkeyes are backed up to their 8, where they have it first and 10. The wind is at their backs.

- **(a)** Halfback off tackle.
- **(b)** Quarterback executes play-action fake, goes deep to wide receiver.
- **(c)** Misdirection left, halfback runs right.

Play 4: Early in the final period, the score is tied at 17. Now moving into a 20-mph wind, Iowa has used its ground game to reach the Michigan 25. It is third and five.

- **(a)** Sprint-out draw to halfback, keeping the ball in the middle of the field.
- **(b)** Sideline screen pass to halfback.
- **(c)** Play-action pass to tight end on 10-yard curl route.

Play 5: With just under three minutes to play, Iowa now leads 20-17. The Hawkeyes face fourth and inches at midfield; a first down will enable them to run out most of the clock. Michigan, with two timeouts left, lines up in a nine-man front.

- **(a)** Fullback blast over right guard.
- **(b)** Quick pitch to halfback around the strong side.
- **(c)** Attempt to draw defense offside with long snap count. If this fails, take delay of game penalty and punt.

Under John Cooper, Arizona State has been on an extremely fast track. After reinvigorating the program at Tulsa, Cooper's coaching prowess and towel-waving enthusiasm led the Sun Devils to eight wins in '85, his first season in Tempe. It took only one more year for Arizona State to win the Pac-10, beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl and finish fourth in the Associated Press final poll.

The Sun Devils like to demolish opponents on both sides of the ball. In 1986, they ranked first in the Pac-10 in both total offense and scoring defense, and they were the least penalized team in the conference. Little wonder they rolled to a 10-1-1 record.

Play 6: Still early in the first quarter, Arizona State trails UCLA 7-0 after a Bruin cornerback returned an intercepted pass for a touchdown. The Sun Devils now have the ball at their 35, second and 10. The UCLA defense is showing blitz.

- **(a)** Play-action fake, quarterback passes to wide receiver on a sideline curl pattern.
- **(b)** Screen pass to tailback.
- **(c)** Hold blockers in for maximum protection, go for the bomb.

Play 7: Later in the same possession, Arizona State has utilized a strong balance of passing and running to reach the UCLA 19. The Bruin defense has stiffened, however, and the Sun Devils now face fourth and half a yard.

- **(a)** Quarterback sneak.
- **(b)** Power sweep to tailback.
- **(c)** Field goal.

Play 8: Late in the second period, UCLA leads 14-7. Now relying on the running game, Arizona State has ground out six straight first downs to reach the UCLA 8. It is second and six. The Sun Devils have just called time out to stop the clock; they have two left.

- **(a)** Play-action fake, pass to tailback coming out of the backfield.
- **(b)** Tailback sweep, call timeout.
- **(c)** Draw play with receivers taking defensive backs toward corners of the end zone.

Play 9: After receiving the second-half kickoff, UCLA fumbles at its own 45, where Arizona State takes over first and 10. UCLA still leads 14-10.

- **(a)** Deep post pattern to wide receiver, looking for a quick score.
- **(b)** Pitch to tailback going around left end.
- **(c)** Fullback up the middle.

Play 10: With under two minutes remaining in the game, UCLA clings to a 24-20 lead, but Arizona State has completed a long pass to the Bruin 7. Three straight running plays have moved the ball just outside the 1, where it is now fourth and goal.

- **(a)** Fake triple option, quarterback keeps around right end.
- **(b)** Power-I formation, tailback off left tackle.
- **(c)** Play-action fake, pass to tight end.

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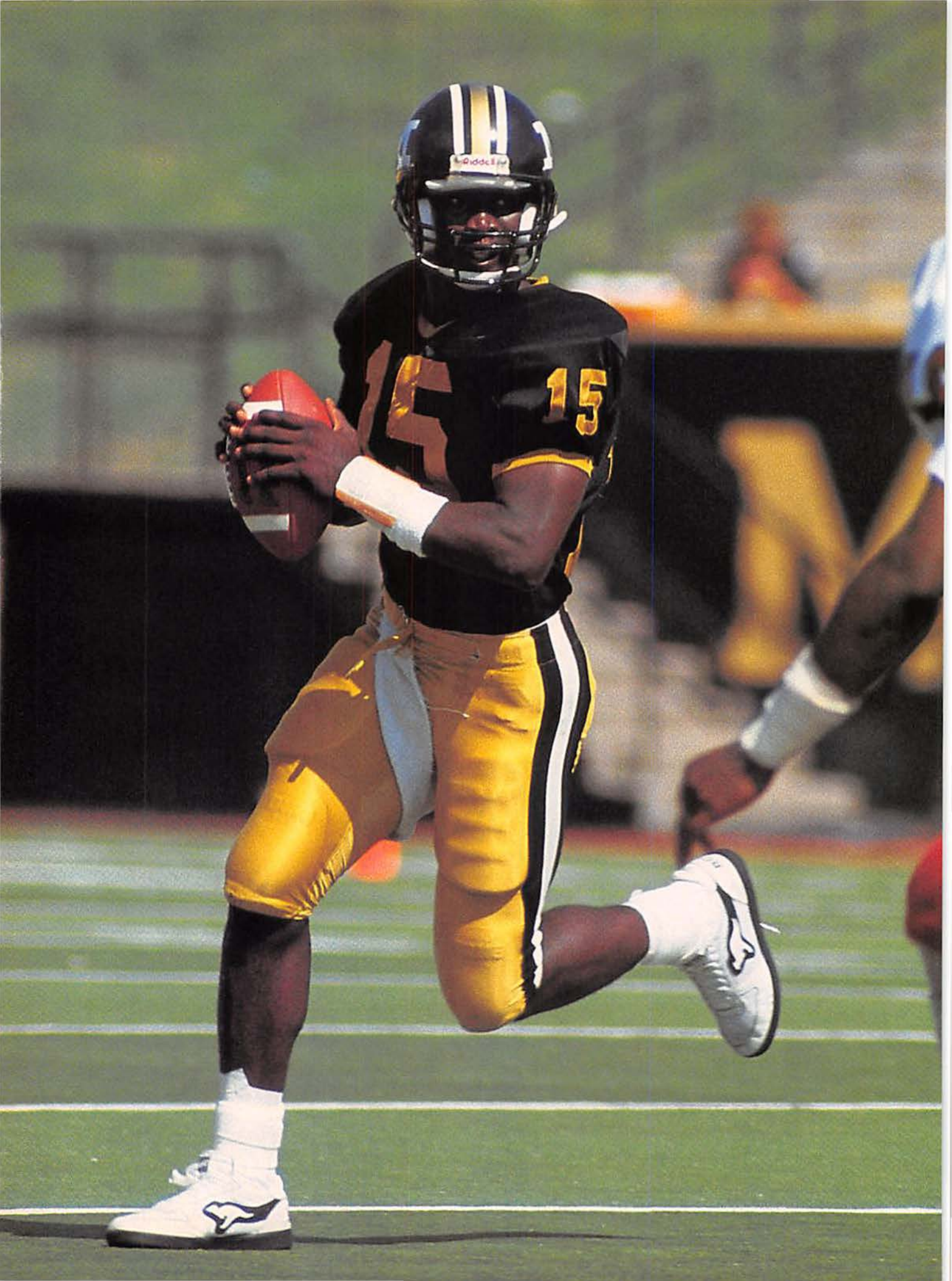
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← *Quarterback Ronnie Cameron adds a passing option to the Tigers' flexbone.*



Wide receiver Victor Moore (28) may return the favor this year as he moves to safety.

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Widenhofer believes both the offense and defense will be improved because of work on running plays.

"We've gone to the wishbone, but it's going to be more of a flexbone," Widenhofer says. "We're not committed completely to just the triple option, like Colorado and Oklahoma. We want to be more like Arkansas and Air Force. We've worked a lot with Ronnie Cameron's passing. We still want to be able to throw."

Cameron, a junior, is one of four starters from last year's offensive team (senior wide receiver Victor Moore moved to free safety). Cameron missed the last two weeks of spring practice with fractured ribs but is expected to be recovered this fall. The other starters are converted halfback Robert Delpino, guard Jeff Rigman (6-2, 268) and running back Darrell Wallace, all seniors.

Rigman is the veteran of a newly built offensive line. Senior Michael Scott (6-5, 270) or junior Chris Lowe will be the other guard. Senior Phil Schreiber (6-3, 257), junior Carl Bax (6-5, 270) and sophomore Andy Lock (6-3, 273) are the top tackles. They're backed by redshirt freshmen Rob Dryden (6-9, 320) and Rick Trumbull (6-6, 270). Two other highly recruited redshirt freshmen, Tim Bruton (6-5, 222) and Larry Linthacum (6-7, 225), battled for the tight end spot, with Bruton getting the edge. Senior Curtis Wilson (6-3, 255) is the No. 1 center.

Besides Cameron, Missouri's quarterbacks are returning reserves: senior Jeff Henningsen and sophomore Brent Cook, and redshirt freshman Mike Logan.

One advantage Widenhofer sees in the flexbone is that it will allow Missouri to get Wallace and freshman Tony VanZant, the most highly recruited running back in the country in 1985, in the backfield at the same time. Wallace finished third in the Big Eight with 872 yards in 1986 and enters this season as the fourth-leading rusher in Missouri history.

VanZant was to play at Missouri last fall but suffered a knee injury in the state high school all-star game and sat out the season after surgery. He did not enroll until the spring semester, making him a true freshman this season. VanZant rushed for 6,138 yards and scored 91 touchdowns in his high school career at Hazelwood Central in suburban St. Louis.

Sophomore Tommy Stowers was the reserve fullback last year, starting two games. He heads the list at that vital position in the flexbone. Junior Craig Lammers is the leading wide receiver.

Missouri also will get a boost from senior Tom Whelihan, who has tied the school record with 31 career field goals. He punted for a 41.5-yard average last season.

On defense, the seven returning starters are senior end Jeff Cross (6-4, 241), junior end Steve Vandegrift (6-5, 255), who was shifted from linebacker, junior nose tackle Darryl Darling (6-2, 250), sophomore linebacker Darren MacDonald (6-1, 203), junior cornerback Pat Ray, sophomore cornerback Adrian Jones and McMillan. Sophomore Charles Murphy started one game at weak safety. Linebacker Terry Walker, a 1986 starter who led the team in tackles, transferred to the Air Force Academy.

Jones became the first Missouri player since tackle Russ Washington in 1965 to be named Big Eight Defensive Newcomer of the Year. He led the Tigers with 49 solo tackles, four interceptions and nine passes broken up, and was second in total tackles with 88.

The Tigers need to replace three linebackers. Sophomores Ben Corl (6-2, 224) and Jerold Fletcher (6-2, 216) and either sophomore Mike Rodbro (6-3, 227) or freshman Ron Walters (6-3, 237) are leading candidates. Sophomore Kevin White (6-4, 254) was a top reserve at end last season.

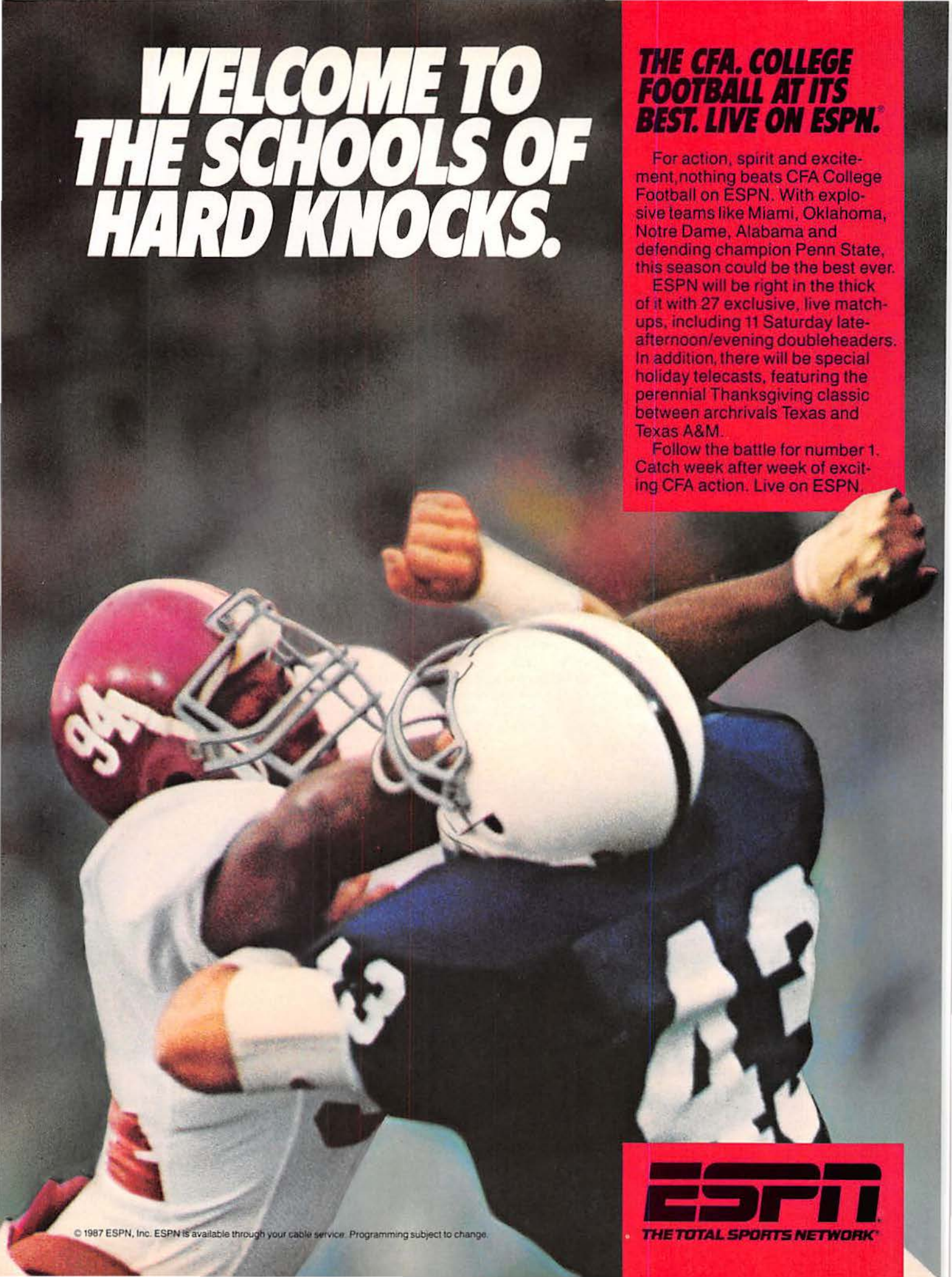
Widenhofer says of McMillan, "He's the kind you build a defense around."

But old 96 apparently will get excellent help.

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Flying Tiger Adrian Jones (2) was the Big Eight Defensive Newcomer of the Year.




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Big Eight Blue Chippers



by Dave Sittler

While last season was known as "The Year of the Running Back" in Big Eight-area football recruiting, those in the know say that was just the start.

With all due respect to 1986's crop of great runners, which included Omaha's Leodis Flowers, Tulsa's Tony Brooks and Midwest City's (Okla.) Mike Gaddis, recruiting in 1987 will feature an offensive back who could eclipse that talented trio.

This year's sensation is Kenyon Rasheed (5-11, 230) of Kansas City (Mo.) Rockhurst. His coach, Tony Severino, predicts that Kansas City International Airport will resemble a coaching convention by the time college recruiters are allowed to visit Rasheed.

"Everybody in America will be after him," Severino says. "All you have to do is flick on the film and watch him one time. You'll walk away saying, 'I can't believe it.' He's the best we've ever had in this area, and we've had some great ones."

Although Severino rates Rasheed one of the top three backs in the country, a highly respected Big Eight-area recruiter says, "Rasheed will be the No. 1 running back prospect in the country this fall. I don't think there is any question about that."

As a junior, Rasheed rushed for 1,324 yards and 21 touchdowns in 11 games. He suffered a knee injury in the state semifinal game, which forced him to miss Rockhurst's 5A state-championship victory over Florissant Hazelwood Central.

Severino says Rasheed has recovered completely from postseason surgery and will be ready this fall to continue his assault on rushing records at Rockhurst.

Severino, who has sent several players to major colleges, including last year's prep All-America linebacker Tim Ryan, says Rasheed is in a class by himself because he combines 4.6 speed in the 40 with astounding strength.

"His strength is totally unbelievable," says Severino of Rasheed, who dead-lifts 560 pounds, squats 500 and bench-presses more than 300. "He has that rare combination of speed and strength that you don't see very often. He's the spitting image of Earl Campbell."

A good student as well as a gifted athlete, Rasheed has the speed, power and pass-catching ability to play in any type of offensive set. "Wishbone teams see him and just drool," Severino says. "He's an ideal wishbone fullback; you can give him the ball on the dive, and he can go 70 yards with it because he can outrun defensive backs."

Coach John Hotfelder, whose Florissant (Mo.) Hazelwood Central team lost 13-10 to Rockhurst in the state finals, agrees that Rasheed deserves special praise. But Hotfelder thinks he has a lineman in Mario Johnson (6-5, 285) who belongs in the same class.

"Rasheed and Mario are men playing among boys," Hotfelder says. "They are so much better than anyone else in the Midwest that it isn't even close."

A huge young man, Johnson has 4.8 speed in the 40, making him one of the more versatile athletes in the rich athletic history at Hazelwood Central. An outstanding weight man for the track team, Johnson turned to wrestling last winter after three years of basketball and finished fourth in the state in the heavyweight division.

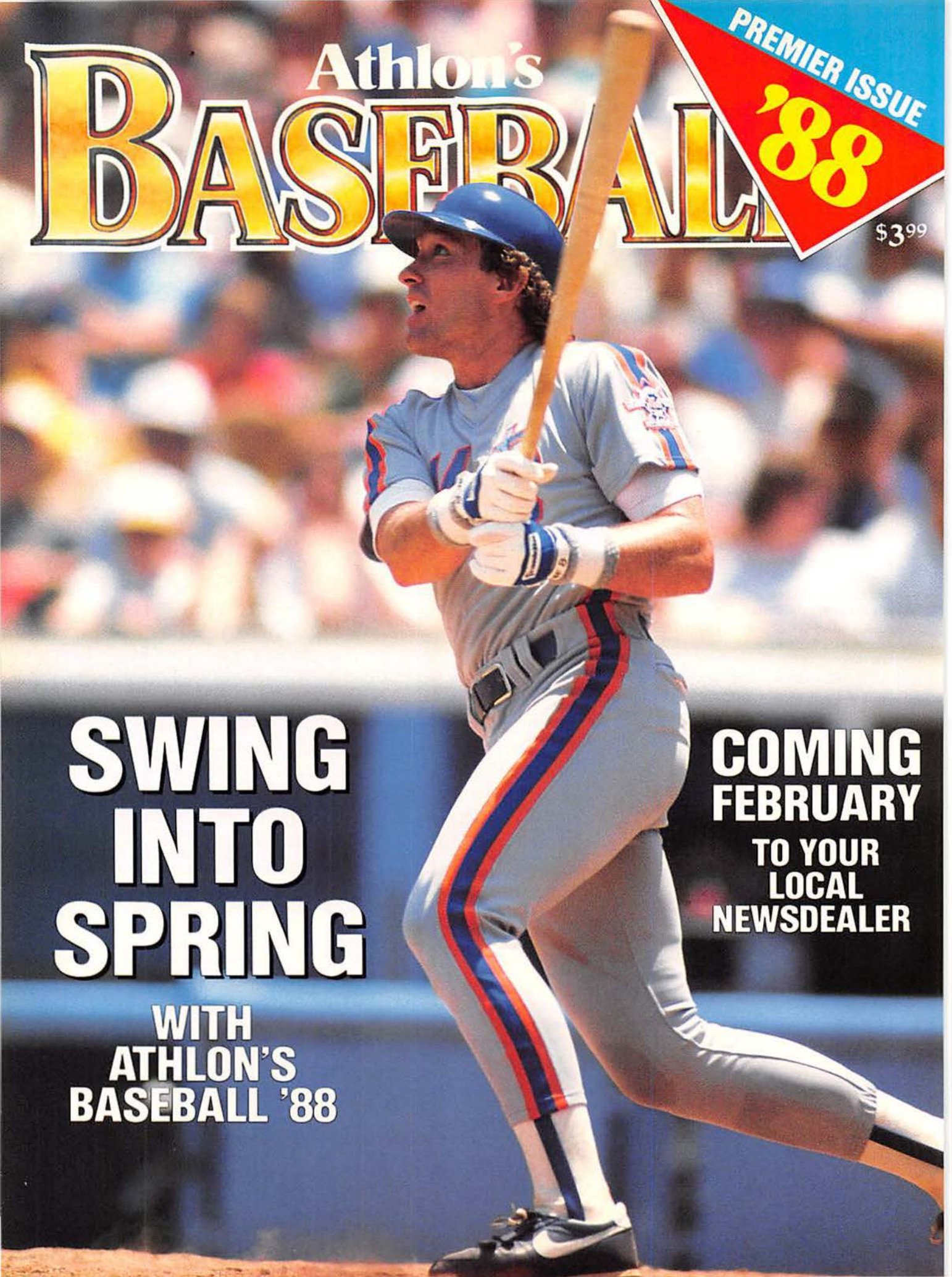
"There's no finer blocker in the Midwest; he's just tremendous," Hotfelder says. "He has such great hands that he could be an outstanding tight end if we didn't need him in the line."

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Big Eight High School Elite Eleven

Top prospects in the six-state conference area:

David Arterberry, RB/LB, 6-2, 205, Denver (Colo.) Mullen Prep
Rickey Blocker, RB/DB, 5-10, 180, Tulsa (Okla.) Booker T. Washington
Shawn Davis, WR, 6-0, 175, Tulsa (Okla.) McLain
Jerry Dunn, QB, 6-2, 190, Denver (Colo.) Mullen Prep
Lance Frazier, RB, 6-0, 190, Omaha (Neb.) Northwest
Dave Jensen, L, 6-5, 260, Omaha (Neb.) Creighton Prep
Mario Johnson, L, 6-5, 285, Florissant (Mo.) Hazelwood Central
Kenyon Rasheed, RB, 5-11, 230, Kansas City (Mo.) Rockhurst
Meech Shaw, LB, 6-3, 215, Ponca City, Okla.
Jeff Simoneau, RB, 6-2, 205, Smith Center, Kan.
Ladd Wessels, L, 6-5, 225, Cedar Rapids (Iowa) LaSalle


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ZEN AND THE ART OF FOOTBALL

by Chris Dufresne

We are pleased to welcome all you Maalox-drinking, old-school thinking, big-time-and-sinking college coaches to the University of California at Davis, where the football coach preaches Zen, quotes from Ralph Waldo Emerson, sips coffee, searches for virtue, gazes at sunsets, and asks his fans to contemplate the sound of one hand clapping.

His name is Jim Sochor and he is serene and simple, an absolute must for your next poetry reading. He's everything you'd want in a theology professor and nothing you'd think you'd want in a football coach.

His method is non-method. He teaches by not teaching. He succeeds by not succeeding. He rules by not ruling. You understand all this by not understanding it.

The key to life, as Sochor succinctly puts it, is to "simply be."

For in his football program there are no scholarships, no drug testing, no curfews, no spring football, no mandatory weight-lifting program and no caste system.

No kidding.

There is only one rule at UC Davis: Your helmet must never touch the ground. Never. That sets the tone for discipline, and all other laws of conduct and morality are assumed.

"If you come out to our practices, you never see one of our guys throw a helmet," Sochor says. "If we run 100-yard dashes after practice, and we tell them they can take their helmets off, they hang them on fences. It goes that far."

The coach's playbook extracts philosophy from the 2,500-year-old *Tao-te Ching*, a Chinese text attributed to Lao-tzu, the "Grand Old Master."

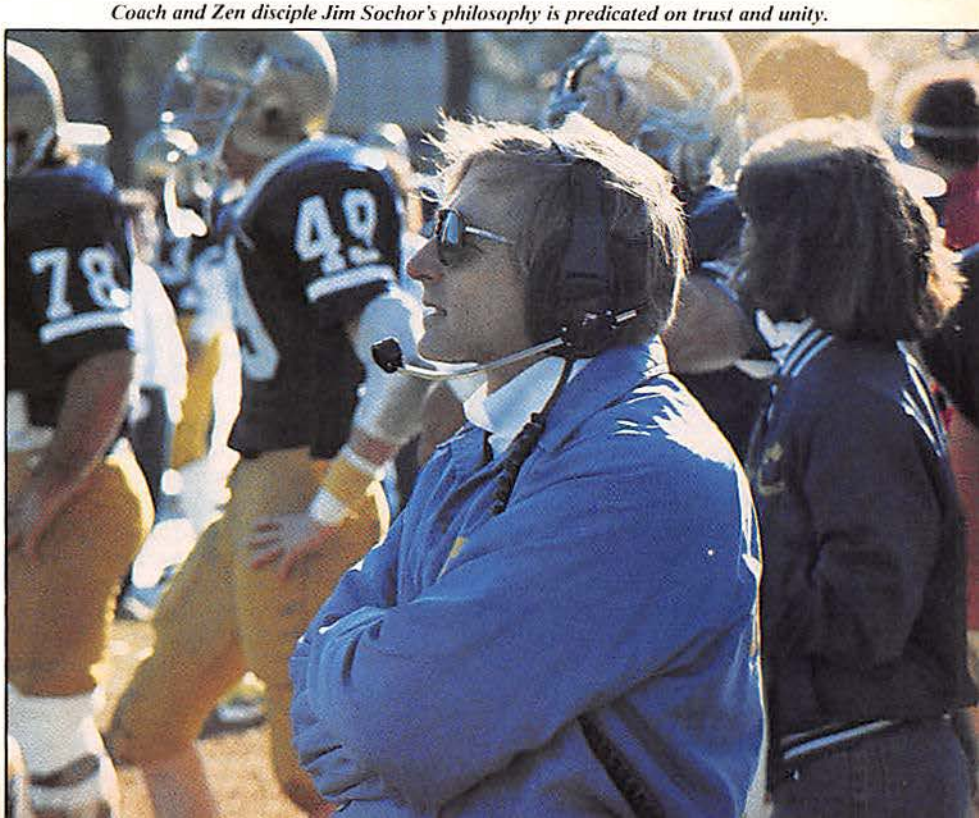
You might say Lao-tzu was an early naturalist who felt it is better to go along with the flow of life rather than against it.

Sochor had been feeling and coaching that way long before a friend presented him with the gift of the *Tao-te Ching*, which soon became Sochor's favorite bedtime reading. When Sochor met the Tao, it was as if two old friends had been reunited.

"In Chinese philosophy, the more weapons and laws you have, the more thievery and breaking of laws you have," Sochor says. "That's because everything is built in with the

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Coach and Zen disciple Jim Sochor's philosophy is predicated on trust and unity.



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idea that there's no trust. We believe just the opposite. We don't want a bunch of laws and a bunch of rules."

Over the years, Sochor has developed some sayings that have become known as Sochorisms.

Some of the all-time favorites include:

- "Potential is what you lose with."
- "It's not as though we set the Tao in front of us and everything we do comes out of the Tao. Our philosophy, what we believe in, just came together in that. It's not the Tao, it's a philosophy of life that the Tao just happens to espouse."
- "We tell our players, once you knock them down, when the play is over, we want you to help them up. Therein lies the virtue."

Of course, you'd expect college teams to line up for a shot at Sochor and the UC Davis Aggies. Hey, it's like taking candy from a Buddha baby, right? While the coach is out picking flowers, you come in and knock the living Zen out of his lily-loving team. You leave cleat marks on the pages of the *Tao-te Ching*. You break and smash and stomp all over the silly rules they don't even have.

Well, therein lies the catch, O unenlightened ones.

For in the world of NCAA Division II football, there is not a bigger winner than Jim Sochor. In 17 years at Davis, he has won 141 games and lost just 35. The Aggies, 10-1 last season, have won 16 consecutive Northern California Athletic Conference titles. In one stretch, from 1973 through 1980, Sochor's Aggies won 38 consecutive conference games.

Several of Sochor's students have taken the wisdom of the master to the National Football League, the most famous being quarterback Ken O'Brien of the New York Jets. Other UC Davis graduates recently in the NFL include defensive end Casey Merrill, formerly of the New York Giants; safety Bo Eason of the Houston Oilers; and kicker Rolf Benirschke of the San Diego Chargers.

But if you walked on campus and saw Sochor and his staff work, you'd be thoroughly unimpressed.

"If you looked at our program on the surface, you'd wonder how we ever beat anybody," Sochor says. "But underneath, obviously, we get everything done."

Sochor's philosophy is based on togetherness, unity and the Tao theory that "if you don't trust enough, you won't be trusted."

Sochor begins by eliminating the trappings and regulations of ordinary life. That entails a strip-down of such deep-rooted American values as free enterprise and ambition.

"The Tao reads almost like the opposite of what we're taught in America today, which is that you get there by trying, that you have to go out and bust your butt to get anyplace," Sochor says. "The Tao would say that you must learn to be unimportant."

So at UC Davis, a player becomes unimportant; a freshman is no different from a senior, a quarterback no more important than a tackle.

And somehow, it all comes together to produce wins.

In the beginning, getting Sochor's players and staff to believe in him was half the game. But they came to believe.

UC Davis had not won an outright conference title in the 21 years before Sochor became head coach, in 1970. It was then the Aggies began to see the light. Sochor believes attitudes changed during a game in 1971 when the Aggies scored 16 points in the final 20 seconds to upset Cal State-Hayward 30-29.

"Our football team is the best we can be, and that's it. We don't have to be national champions or go undefeated. We just want to be the best we can be."

No helmet has touched the ground since.

Of course, Sochor could not have found a better place to practice his philosophy than at Davis, a rural university near Sacramento with impeccable academic standards. Sochor could more easily bring his freethinking philosophy to a school with an Ivy League mentality.

In other words, maybe this doesn't work everywhere. A UC Davis student-athlete must come complete with brains. This is a school of biological science majors and pre-law and pre-medical students. Sochor says he wants a football program that adds to the integrity of the school, not detracts from it.

He and UC Davis have enjoyed a perfect marriage.

It's there that Sochor can throw out the rule book and watch it all work.

The beauty of his system is that there actually is discipline. It's just not in the form of a penal code.

The helmet rule, Sochor says, is the vehicle by which all other rules are adhered to.

A few years ago, Merrill, who had professional football aspirations, was caught redhanded after he and a few friends picked up a car and moved it up on the curb. Hey, parking space was tight.

Sochor didn't punish Merrill. He said only that it would sicken him personally if Merrill attended an upcoming all-you-can-eat spaghetti bash, for which big-time eater Merrill had been drooling in anticipation.

Merrill decided not to attend. "Once he determined it wasn't right to go, because I didn't want him to go, it was resolved," Sochor says.

He claims to have no drug problems at UC Davis. And he opted not to invoke an optional drug-testing plan last season.

"The rule says you're guilty until proven innocent, and we didn't like that," Sochor says.

In case you're wondering, Sochor didn't just wander into town one day on a camel, spouting the word of Lao-tzu.

In many ways, he's just your average Jim. Sochor was a four-sport letterman at San Francisco's Washington High School. He graduated in 1956. He won small-college All-America honors at San Francisco State and stayed there as an assistant coach.

Sochor is honored in the halls of fame for San Francisco high school students and San Francisco State athletes.

He became an assistant at Davis in 1967 and head coach three years later. He took a 4-6 team and made it 6-4 in 1970. The next season he grabbed a share of the conference title and has won it every year since.

In that time, Sochor has been offered head-coaching jobs at Army and Northwestern.

But, if it's all the same, he'd rather remain at Davis. To Sochor and the Tao, ambition is not a virtue.

"A rabbi spoke on campus in 1972 and said that people go around half-laughing and half-crying because they're in one place but want to be someplace else," Sochor says. "I've always remembered that. I've always tried to be the best I was without trying to be someplace else. The Tao would say be careful not to shoulder the burden of great expectations."

Sochor is not so naive as to say he would never leave the Davis campus. It's just that he can look around at other scandal-filled programs and see what price is paid for big-time success.

"We're all susceptible to the bad and good of life," Sochor says. "Emerson wrote that for every rich man there is a poor, for every night there is a day. Everything you get on one hand you lose on another. How true. There isn't any place to get to. The further you go in one direction the more you're going to lose out in another. I understand the pitfalls and that's another reason I have been content here."

Sochor believes he is the pebble that is swept along by the river of life. He chooses not to fight the current.

"The higher we set goals, the more we set ourselves up for discontent," he says. "When we don't reach our goals, there is frustration. Our football team is the best we can be, and that's it. We don't have to be national champions or go undefeated. We just want to be the best we can be.

"You have to learn to recognize the natural flow of life. Then things work easily. It's when you go against the flow that resistance builds up. People go around trying too hard. The Tao says you get there by not trying."

And so it goes for Jim Sochor, who is, pound for pound, the laziest and winningest coach around.

And, as the Tao would say, therein lies the virtue.

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(Halftime Adjustments continued)

is tough, ask the boys to win one for the Gipper."

Rockne waited eight years to make that appeal. His 1928 team (5-4) had the worst record of any he coached.

The legendary coach had a reputation for such halftime theatrics. Once, when Notre Dame trailed Georgia Tech at halftime, Rockne reportedly told his players he had just received a telegram informing him: "Little Knute is on his deathbed." Knute Jr. was his 6-year-old son.

The Irish came back to win the game. When they returned to South Bend, Little Knute was at the train station, healthy as ever, waiting to welcome them.

Half a century ago, when life was less complicated and the players more susceptible to incitement and dramatic gimmickry, a coach could expect to have more luck with the sort of thing that might leave modern-day athletes unmoved.

At the Texas-Texas A&M game in 1922, the score was tied 7-7 at the half. During intermission, Dana X. Bible, the Aggies' coach, told his men that in the defense of the Alamo, Colonel William B. Travis had taken his sword and drawn a line on the dirt floor, inviting all who wanted to stay to step across it. Bible then drew an imaginary line across the dressing room floor with his shoe. "Those who want to become known as the first Aggie team to defeat Texas in Austin, step over that line," he said. He was almost knocked down in the rush. Texas A&M won 14-7.

Fourteen years later, when Bible was coaching Nebraska, the Cornhuskers trailed Indiana 9-0 at the half. Bible ignored technical matters and invoked psychology. He challenged the players' courage and said he would start the first 11 men who beat the others to the dressing room door. Bible got there first, insisting they still weren't ready to play. A hubbub ensued and fights broke out among the players. Nebraska won the game 13-9.

The college game may be too sophisticated for such appeals now. But Steve Sloan, Alabama athletic director, says, "Youngsters are youngsters, and they can still be motivated by stories. You just can't do it every game."

As quarterback for the Crimson Tide, Sloan had a coach who was a master of halftime adjustments: the legendary Bear Bryant. Surprisingly, perhaps, Bryant rarely showed emotion at halftime, Sloan disclosed.

"For Coach Bryant, halftime was primarily an adjustment time," Sloan says. "He would go over the offense and the defense and, at the last, make a few comments. But they were usually calm, unemotional, unless we had played poorly. Then he might be a little louder. Halftime was for mental and physical rest and strategy."

Hunter Husband, a tight end under Bryant during the late 1960s, echoed Sloan's sentiments.

"There were not a lot of major adjustments," says Husband. "Normally the game plan he had was exactly what was going on. At halftime, the emphasis was on how to execute the game plan better."

Bryant's psychology generally was applied prior to the game, during the week. "He'd speak in a soft manner because he already commanded so much respect, just by his presence," says Sloan. "He had charisma, and you hung on every word he said. The talks weren't long, but there was a lot of wisdom in his words. They were poignant."

Sometimes, they were pointed—after a game.

When Bryant was displeased, his players might find themselves practicing at 5 o'clock on Sunday morning after a loss or scrimmaging first thing Monday morning. "But at halftime, he would evaluate," Sloan says. "Coach Bryant's philosophy was, 'If the coach loses his head, it affects his players.' "

Football is emotional. "You can't ignore that part of it," says Ross, now head coach at Georgia Tech. "But that doesn't always mean screaming and hollering. It might mean speaking softly. Whatever's needed. You want to get your players' attention in some way."

Ross usually formulates his halftime plan during the walk from the field to the locker room. "Sometimes, I'll be thinking of what I want to do during the last minute or so of the half," he says. "Sometimes, it doesn't happen until I actually get in the locker room."

During a typical halftime, the head coach might spend five minutes with the offense, five minutes with the defense, seven minutes with the entire team going over strategy, and three minutes giving them a pep talk.

The key to using a halftime effectively is knowing when to be emotional and when to keep things analytical.

Sometimes, the pep talk is: "Hey, let's go."

A win-one-for-the-Gipper approach, says UCLA Coach Terry Donahue, "wouldn't be very successful week in and week out. Your team will respond to that if the timing is right and the chemistry is there. But if you get on them every week, they'll turn you off. You can't overuse it."

Motivation has its place in a coach's halftime options. "But motivation, a lot of times, is simply letting the players know they're prepared," says Bill Brashier, Iowa's assistant head coach and defensive coordinator.

"You can be as emotional as you want to be, but if you don't correct the mistakes, all the emotion in the world won't do you any good," he says. "You have to be cool and calm to correct mistakes, to make adjustments. Those things can't be done in a highly charged atmosphere."

Hawkeye Head Coach Hayden Fry, with whom Brashier has worked for 14 years, "is very good about that," he says.

Sometimes, a coach has to figure out how to keep his players from having a letdown in the second half.

"If you're up by 31 points, what do you do?" Ross says.

On Nov. 30, 1974, Notre Dame had an 18-point lead over Southern California at halftime (24-6). What happened after that was unimaginable: 49 points by the Trojans in the first 17 minutes of the second half. Final score: USC 55, Notre Dame 24.

Quarterback Pat Haden, who passed for four touchdowns, says Trojans Coach John McKay didn't resort to oratory. "He just said that we had to take the third-quarter kickoff and score," says Haden.

McKay, a witty public speaker, used to tell alumni groups later that what he said was, " 'Gentlemen, we're behind.' I said, 'I'll guarantee you that if you don't play better in the third quarter, I'm leaving. I'm going to jump on that white horse (Trojans mascot) and get out of town.' "

Anthony Davis, who had scored twice on kickoffs against Notre Dame in 1972, took the second-half kickoff in the end zone and ran for a touchdown. And a rout was on.

For the most part, the 20 minutes of a halftime are hardly the stuff that would interest Hollywood. Players may be sweating or trying to warm up. They may be drinking sodas or eating oranges, while coaches go over the game plan or make important adjustments.

"Sometimes, you wish halftime was only 15 minutes instead of 20," says Bicknell. "You don't want it to be too long. We're usually ready to go after about 16 or 17 minutes.

"Some places it's too hot in the locker room, and it drains you. Some facilities are like bus stations. I'd rather go out early and let the kids run around."

Because of elaborate halftime shows, bowl game intermissions often last longer than 20 minutes. "Then you start to stiffen up, to lose it," says Bicknell.

The key to using a halftime effectively is knowing when to be emotional and when to keep things analytical.

"If it's natural to get excited, you do," Bicknell says. "If it's not, the players won't buy it. I'm basically a low-key guy, but when I get upset, I really explode. So my players pay attention."

Those unfamiliar with what goes on behind closed doors at halftime tend to imagine weekly win-one-for-the-Gipper speeches, particularly if a team plays well in the second half.

"Fans will come up to you after a game and say, 'Boy, you must've really gotten after 'em at halftime,' " says Bicknell. "But kids don't buy a phony rah-rah approach."

Not in the modern world. It has to come from the heart.

Former Minnesota Coach Bernie Bierman was a taciturn man. At halftime of the 1934 game with Pittsburgh which determined the national championship, the Panthers led 7-0. Bierman, in a classic display of brevity, informed his men, "Two touchdowns will win it." The Gophers won 13-7. Five words spurred them.

On Nov. 21, 1925, Notre Dame trailed Northwestern 10-0 at halftime. Instead of making an impassioned speech, Rockne didn't even enter the locker room. Just before the second half, he stuck his head through the doorway.

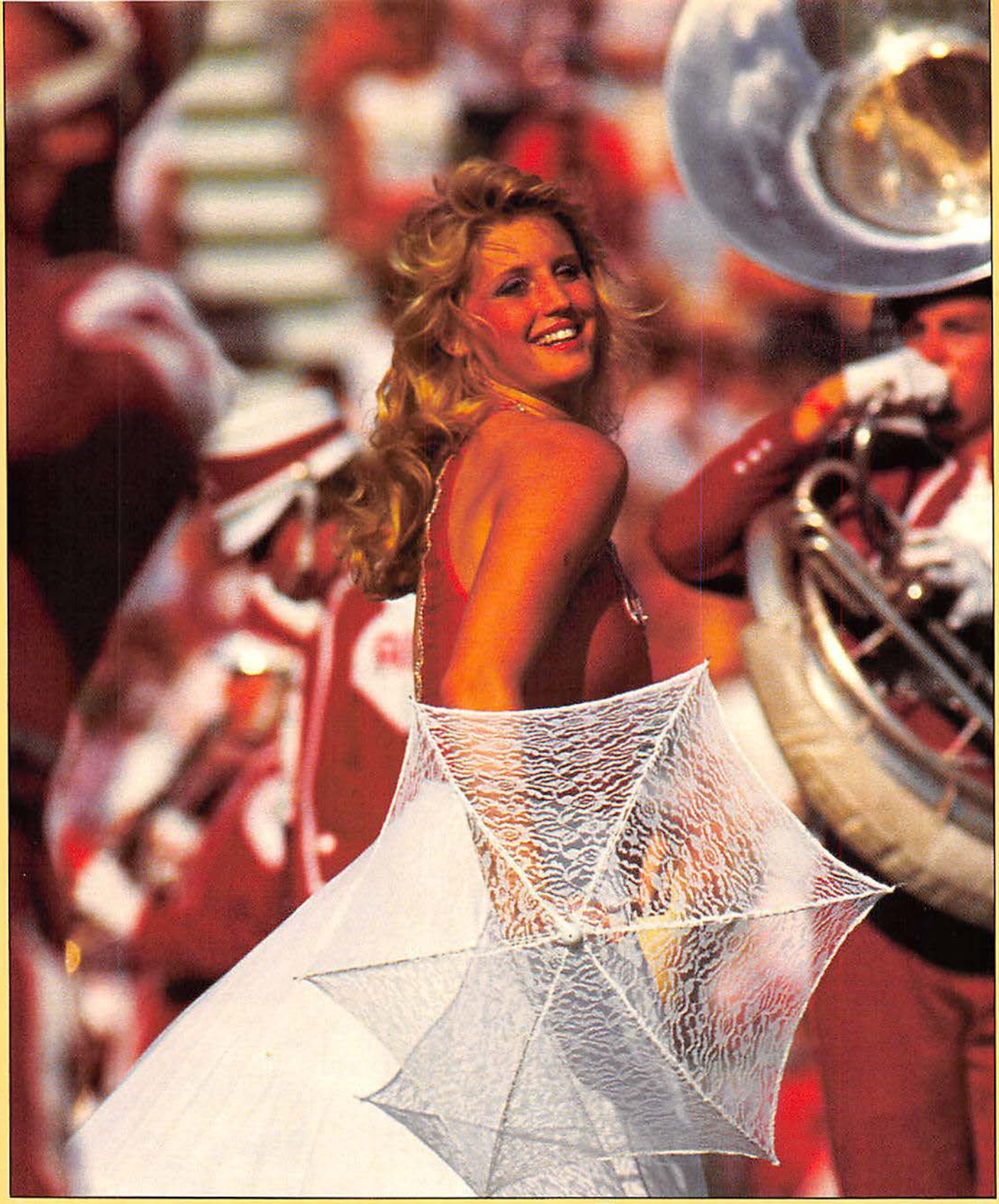
"Fighting Irish, bah," Rockne said. Nothing else. In a fury Notre Dame won the game 13-10. Three words.

Sometimes, dadgumit, just one word will do.

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Solution to crossword puzzle on page 106.

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Honey Watching
On a Saturday Afternoon

At the first college football game, Princeton fans spurred their team against the Rutgers foe with a cheer borrowed from a Civil War regiment. Princeton lost, but may have had better luck in that contest had they been inspired by a bevy of beauties like those pictured in Athlon's *salute to college cheerleaders and majorettes.*

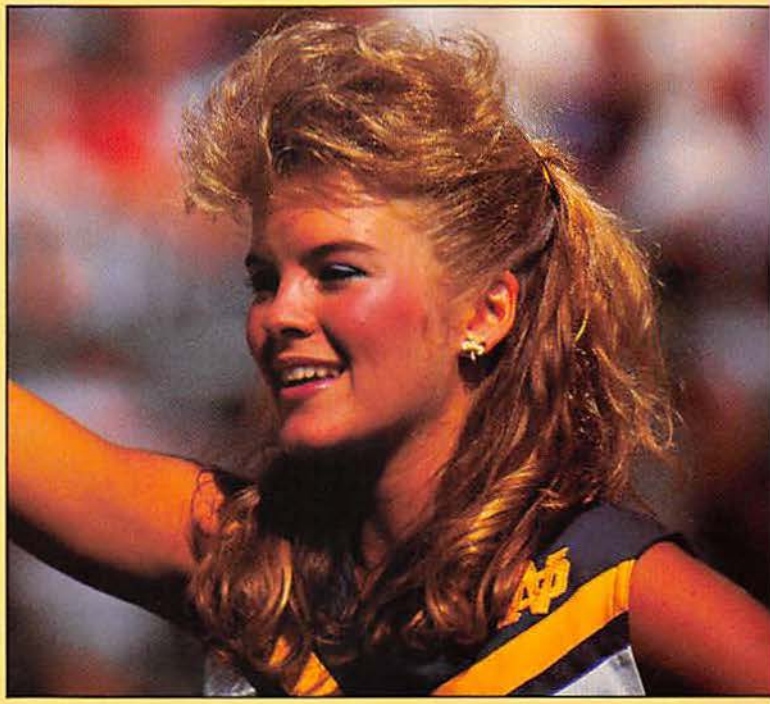
Alabama boasts the talents of Andrea Wilson (opposite page). She's a business major who enjoys tennis, swimming, gymnastics and poetry. UCLA's Cindy Hom (right) thinks another winning season will be a snap for the Bruins. Notre Dame's Fighting Irish are aptly represented by lovely Maureen McDonnell (bottom right), a dean's list student who was chosen Miss Virginia USA in 1986. Amy Shafer (bottom left) eyes another strong Big Ten finish for Iowa. Oklahoma's Michelle Williams (below) has reason to smile, given the Sooners' prospects in '87. Her ambitions include teaching high school English and directing her own dance team.

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Colorado's Stacey Strohkirch (top left) hopes for a career in tourism; she enjoyed the Buffaloes' Bluebonnet Bowl trip last year. Energetic Kim Ross (above) is bursting with pride over Penn State's triumph in the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl. She's an advertising major who lists her interests as swimming, running, tennis and watching the Nittany Lions play football. Chattanooga native Wendy Collins (left) adds glamour to Tennessee games. She enjoys water skiing, tennis and weight lifting, and plans to pursue a career as a television news anchor.

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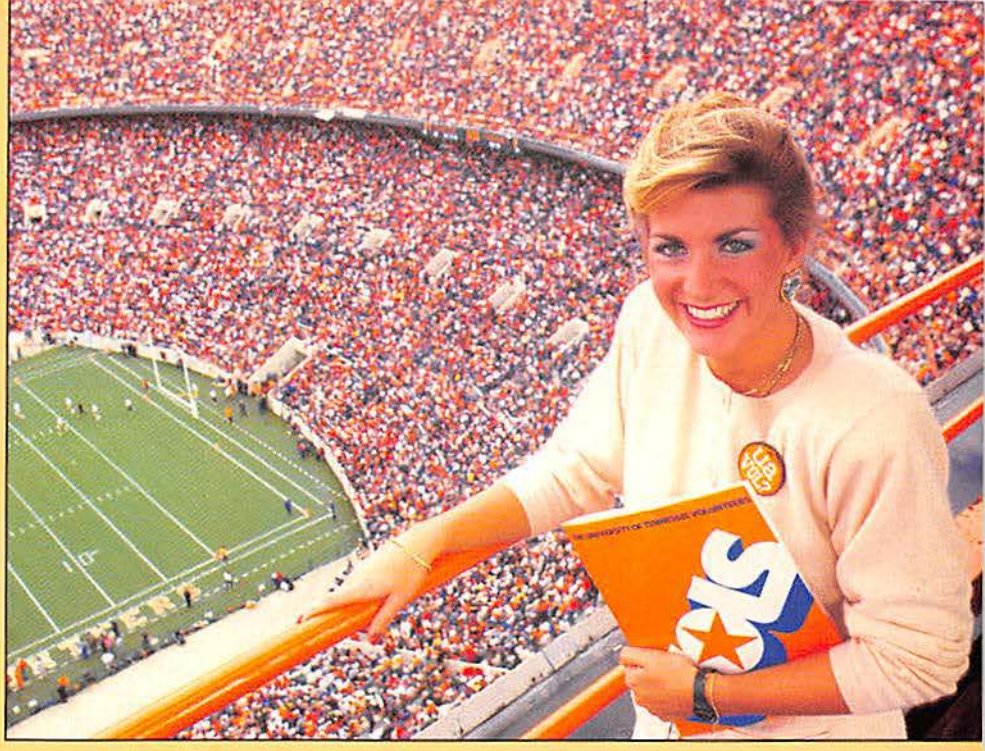


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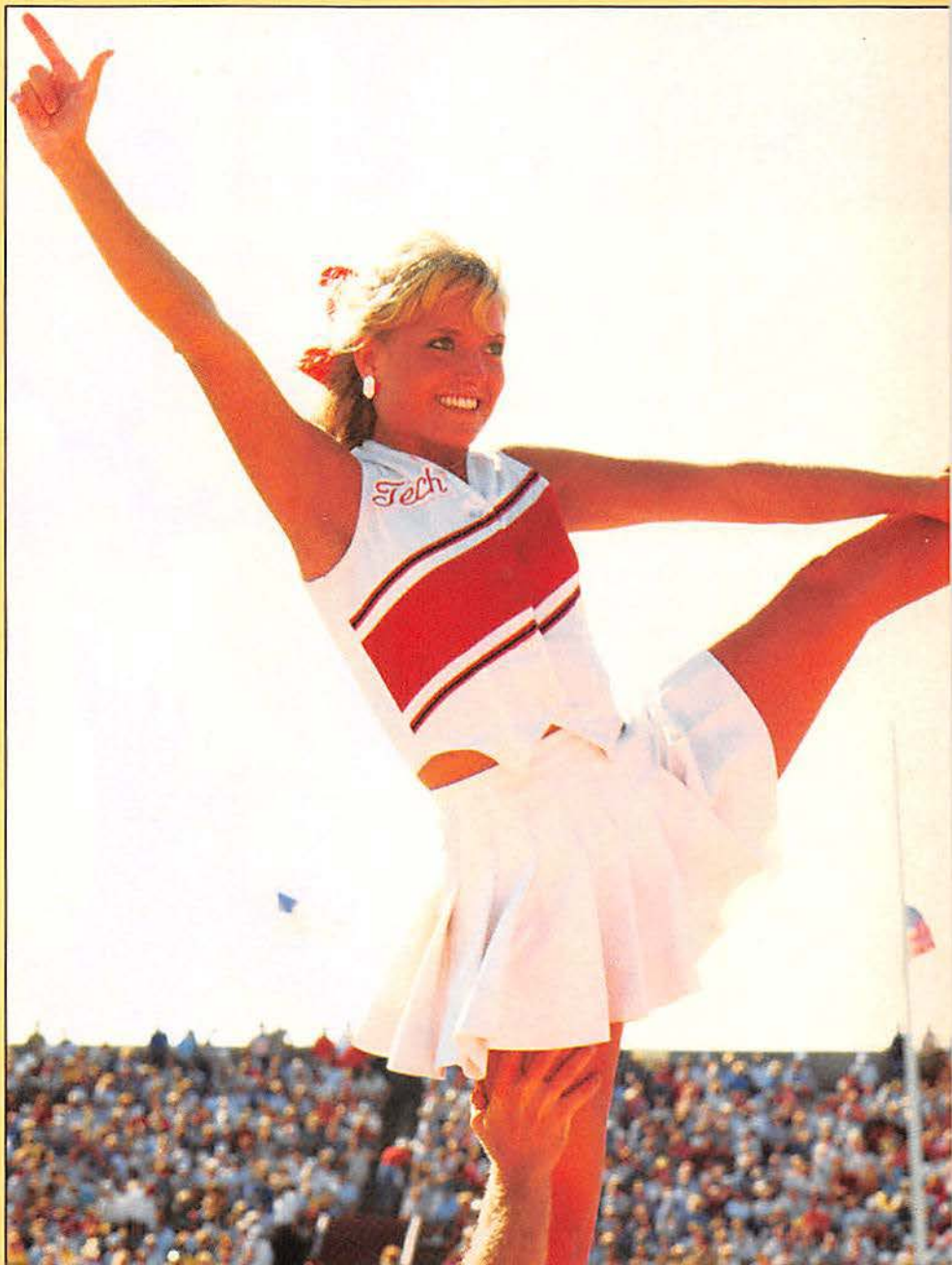
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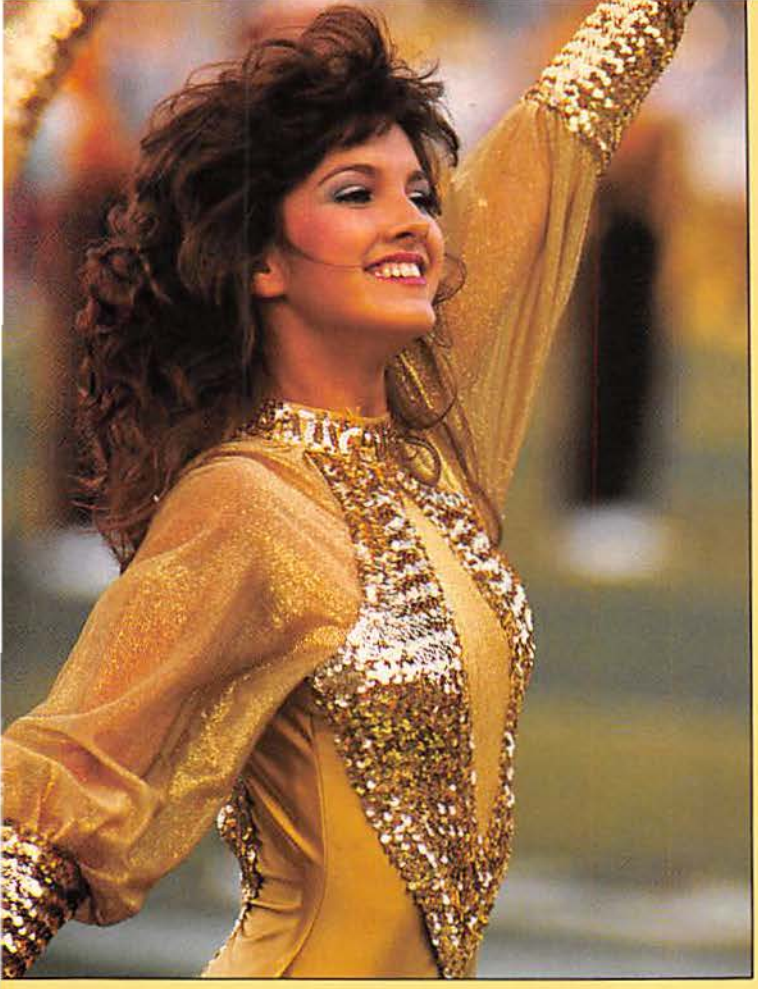
Tennessee's Kitty Gillespie (right) cheered weary scribes at Neyland Stadium as a press box hostess. She hopes the Vols make championship headlines in '87. Tina Mikkelson (bottom right) entertains Texas Tech fans with breathtaking gymnastic feats. Her sense of balance may come in handy someday; she hopes to work in politics. Ohio State's Terri Bonaventura (below) looks for more sunny days at New Year's Day bowls for the Buckeyes. She's an Ohio native who has been on two national championship cheerleading squads.

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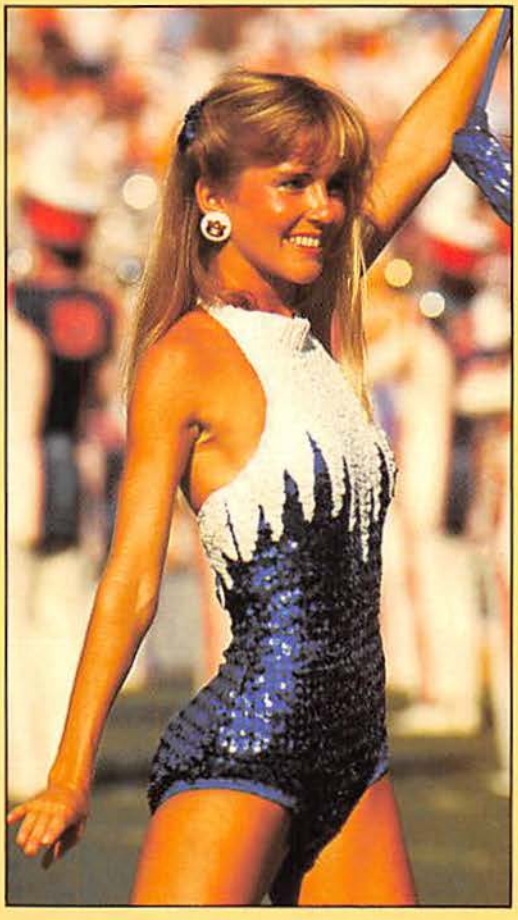
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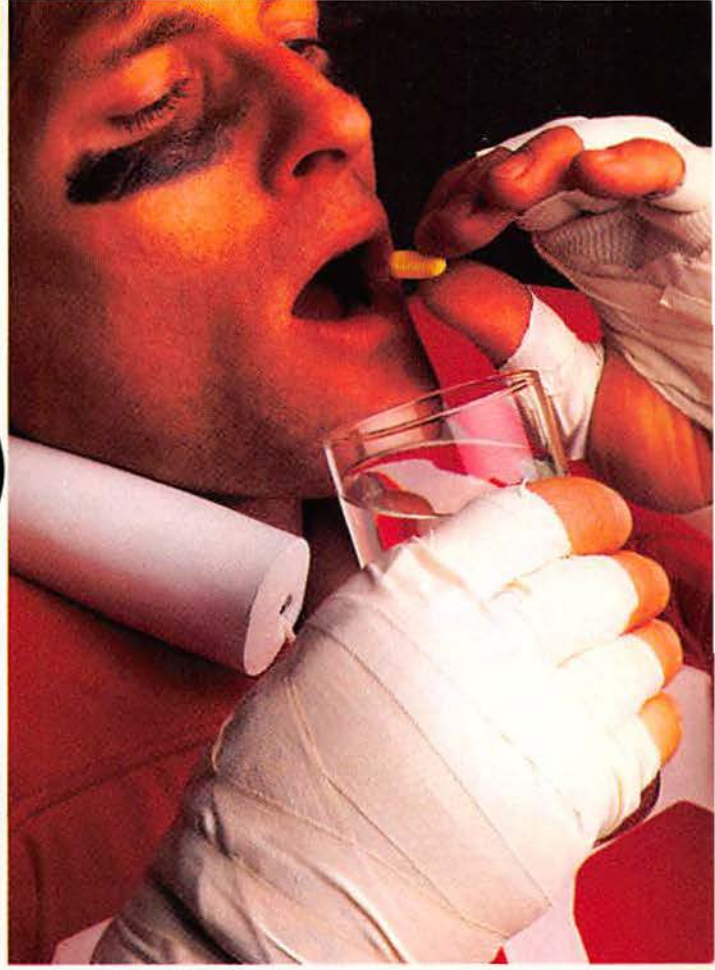
Ronnie Causey (above) sets a shining example for LSU fans as a member of the Golden Girl dance line. She's a medical technology major from Louisiana who has won titles in state beauty pageants. Southern California's Kris Kennett (top right) will help the Trojans reach for another strong Pac-10 showing and a New Year's Day bowl game. Lisa Mandel (far right) calmly contemplates Arizona's prospects under new Coach Dick Tomey. Lisa can choose between careers in entertainment, advertising or public relations. Auburn's Susan Laroche (right) has an earful of pride for the Tigers.

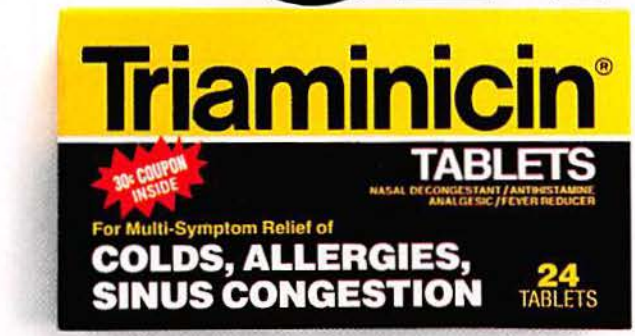
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O. 10 Virginia +
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O. 31 Wake Forest +
N. 7 North Carolina
N. 14 Maryland +
N. 21 South Carolina

Duke
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(4-7-0)
S. 5 Colgate •+
S. 12 Northwestern •+
S. 19 Vanderbilt •+
S. 26 Virginia
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S. 26 Clemson
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O. 10 Indiana St. +
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N. 21 Wake Forest +
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(5-5-1)
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Colorado
Boulder, Colo.
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Iowa State
Ames, Iowa
(6-5-0)
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S. 19 Iowa +
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O. 3 Oklahoma +
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O. 17 Missouri +
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Kansas
Lawrence, Kan.
(3-8-0)
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O. 17 Colorado
O. 24 Iowa State +
O. 31 Oklahoma +
N. 7 Kansas St.
N. 14 Oklahoma St. +
N. 21 Missouri

Kansas State
Manhattan, Kan.
(2-9-0)
S. 5 Austin Peay *+
S. 19 Army *+
S. 26 Iowa
O. 3 Tulsa +
O. 10 Missouri
O. 17 Oklahoma +
O. 24 Nebraska
O. 31 Oklahoma St. *
N. 7 Kansas +
N. 14 Iowa State
N. 21 Colorado +

Missouri
Columbia, Mo.
(3-8-0)
S. 12 Baylor +
S. 19 Northwestern +
S. 26 Indiana
O. 3 Syracuse +
O. 10 Kansas St. +
O. 17 Iowa State
O. 24 Oklahoma St. +
O. 31 Nebraska +
N. 7 Colorado
N. 14 Oklahoma
N. 21 Kansas +

Nebraska
Lincoln, Neb.
(9-2-0)
S. 5 Utah St. +
S. 12 UCLA +
S. 26 Arizona St. *
O. 3 South Carolina +
O. 10 Kansas +
O. 17 Oklahoma St.
O. 24 Kansas St. +
O. 31 Missouri
N. 7 Iowa State +
N. 14 Colorado
N. 21 Oklahoma +

Oklahoma
Norman, Okla.
(10-1-0)
S. 5 North Texas St. +
S. 12 North Carolina +
S. 26 Tulsa
O. 3 Iowa State
O. 10 Texas @
O. 17 Kansas St.
O. 24 Colorado +
O. 31 Kansas
N. 7 Oklahoma St. +
N. 14 Missouri +
N. 21 Nebraska
@ Dallas, Texas

Oklahoma State
Stillwater, Okla.
(6-5-0)
S. 5 Tulsa *+
S. 12 Houston *
S. 19 Wyoming
S. 26 SW Louisiana *+
O. 10 Colorado +
O. 17 Nebraska +
O. 24 Missouri
O. 31 Kansas St. *+
N. 7 Oklahoma
N. 14 Kansas
N. 21 Iowa State +

BIG TEN

Illinois
Champaign, Ill.
(4-7-0)
S. 5 North Carolina
S. 12 Arizona St. *+
S. 19 East Carolina *+
O. 3 Ohio State +
O. 10 Purdue
O. 17 Wisconsin +
O. 24 Michigan St.
O. 31 Minnesota +
N. 7 Indiana
N. 14 Michigan +
N. 21 Northwestern

Indiana
Bloomington, Ind.
(6-5-0)
S. 12 Rice +
S. 19 Kentucky
S. 26 Missouri +
O. 3 Northwestern +
O. 10 Ohio State
O. 17 Minnesota *
O. 24 Michigan +
O. 31 Iowa
N. 7 Illinois +
N. 14 Michigan St.
N. 21 Purdue +

Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa
(8-3-0)
A. 30 Tennessee @
S. 12 Arizona *
S. 19 Iowa State
S. 26 Kansas St. +
O. 3 Michigan St. +
O. 10 Wisconsin
O. 17 Michigan
O. 24 Purdue +
O. 31 Indiana +
N. 7 Northwestern
N. 14 Ohio State
N. 21 Minnesota +
@ East Rutherford, N.J.

Michigan
Ann Arbor, Mich.
(11-1-0)
S. 12 Notre Dame +
S. 19 Washington St. +
S. 26 Long Beach St. +
O. 3 Wisconsin +
O. 10 Michigan St.
O. 17 Iowa +
O. 24 Indiana
O. 31 Northwestern +
N. 7 Minnesota *
N. 14 Illinois
N. 21 Ohio State +

Michigan State
East Lansing, Mich.
(6-5-0)
S. 7 Southern Cal *+
S. 19 Notre Dame
S. 26 Florida St. +
O. 3 Iowa
O. 10 Michigan +
O. 17 Northwestern
O. 24 Illinois +
O. 31 Ohio State
N. 7 Purdue +
N. 14 Indiana +
N. 21 Wisconsin

Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn.
(6-5-0)
S. 12 Northern Iowa *+
S. 19 California *+
S. 26 Central Mich. *+
O. 3 Purdue *+
O. 10 Northwestern
O. 17 Indiana *+
O. 24 Ohio State
O. 31 Illinois
N. 7 Michigan *+
N. 14 Wisconsin *+
N. 21 Iowa

Northwestern
Evanston, Ill.
(4-7-0)
S. 12 Duke *
S. 19 Missouri
S. 26 Northern Ill. +
O. 3 Indiana
O. 10 Minnesota +
O. 17 Michigan St. +
O. 24 Wisconsin
O. 31 Michigan
N. 7 Iowa +
N. 14 Purdue
N. 21 Illinois +

Ohio State
Columbus, Ohio
(9-3-0)
S. 12 West Virginia +
S. 19 Oregon +
S. 26 Louisiana St.
O. 3 Illinois
O. 10 Indiana +
O. 17 Purdue
O. 24 Minnesota +
O. 31 Michigan St. +
N. 7 Wisconsin
N. 14 Iowa +
N. 21 Michigan

Purdue
West Lafayette, Ind.
(3-8-0)
S. 12 Washington
S. 19 Louisville +
S. 26 Notre Dame +
O. 3 Minnesota *
O. 10 Illinois +
O. 17 Ohio State +
O. 24 Iowa
O. 31 Wisconsin +
N. 7 Michigan St.
N. 14 Northwestern +
N. 21 Indiana

Wisconsin
Madison, Wis.
(3-9-0)
S. 12 Hawaii +
S. 19 Utah +
S. 26 Ball State +
O. 3 Michigan
O. 10 Iowa +
O. 17 Illinois
O. 24 Northwestern +
O. 31 Purdue
N. 7 Ohio State +
N. 14 Minnesota *
N. 21 Michigan St. +

EASTERN INDEPENDENTS

Army
West Point, N.Y.
(6-5-0)
S. 12 Holy Cross +
S. 19 Kansas St. *
S. 26 Citadel +
O. 3 Wake Forest +
O. 10 Boston College
O. 17 Colgate +
O. 24 Rutgers +
O. 31 Temple +
N. 7 Air Force
N. 14 Lafayette +
D. 5 Navy @
@ Philadelphia, Pa.

Boston College
Chestnut Hill, Mass.
(8-3-0)
S. 5 Texas Christian +
S. 12 Temple +
S. 19 Southern Cal
S. 26 Penn State +
O. 3 Pittsburgh
O. 10 Army +
O. 17 Rutgers
O. 24 West Virginia +
O. 31 Tennessee +
N. 7 Notre Dame
N. 14 Syracuse

Navy
Annapolis, Md.
(3-8-0)
S. 12 William & Mary +
S. 19 Lehigh +
S. 26 North Carolina +
O. 3 Virginia Tech
O. 10 Air Force +
O. 17 Pennsylvania
O. 24 Pittsburgh +
O. 31 Notre Dame
N. 7 Syracuse +
N. 14 Delaware
D. 5 Army @
@ Philadelphia, Pa.

Penn State
University Park, Pa.
(11-0-0)
S. 5 Bowling Green +
S. 12 Alabama *+
S. 19 Cincinnati +
S. 26 Boston College
O. 3 Temple +
O. 10 Rutgers +
O. 17 Syracuse
O. 31 West Virginia +
N. 7 Maryland @
N. 14 Pittsburgh +
N. 21 Notre Dame +
@ Baltimore, Md.

Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pa.
(5-5-1)
S. 5 Brigham Young
S. 12 North Carolina St. +
S. 19 Temple *+
S. 26 West Virginia
O. 3 Boston College +
O. 10 Notre Dame +
O. 24 Navy
O. 31 Syracuse +
N. 7 Rutgers @
N. 14 Penn State +
N. 21 Kent State +
@ East Rutherford, N.J.

Rutgers
New Brunswick, N.J.
(5-5-1)
S. 5 Cincinnati *
S. 12 Syracuse +
S. 26 Kentucky @
O. 3 Duke @
O. 10 Penn State
O. 17 Boston College +
O. 24 Army
O. 31 Vanderbilt
N. 7 Pittsburgh @
N. 14 West Virginia
N. 21 Temple
@ East Rutherford, N.J.

Syracuse
Syracuse, N.Y.
(5-6-0)
S. 5 Maryland *+
S. 12 Rutgers
S. 19 Miami, O. *+
S. 26 Virginia Tech
O. 3 Missouri
O. 17 Penn State +
O. 24 Colgate +
O. 31 Pittsburgh
N. 7 Navy
N. 14 Boston College +
N. 21 West Virginia +

Temple
Philadelphia, Pa.
(6-5-0)
S. 5 Toledo *
S. 12 Boston College
S. 19 Pittsburgh *
S. 24 Akron *+
O. 3 Penn State
O. 10 Tulsa +
O. 17 Florida
O. 31 Army
N. 7 East Carolina
N. 14 Houston +
N. 21 Rutgers +

West Virginia
Morgantown, W.Va.
(4-7-0)
S. 5 Ohio +
S. 12 Ohio State
S. 19 Maryland
S. 26 Pittsburgh +
O. 3 East Carolina +
O. 17 Cincinnati +
O. 24 Boston College
O. 31 Penn State
N. 7 Virginia Tech +
N. 14 Rutgers +
N. 21 Syracuse

PAC TEN

Arizona
Tucson, Ariz.
(8-3-0)
S. 12 Iowa *+
S. 19 New Mexico *+
S. 26 UCLA
O. 3 Bowling Green +
O. 10 California
O. 17 Oregon St. *+
O. 24 Washington St.
O. 31 Stanford
N. 7 Washington +
N. 14 Southern Cal
N. 28 Arizona St. *

Arizona State
Tempe, Ariz.
(9-1-1)
S. 12 Illinois *
S. 19 Pacific *+
S. 26 Nebraska *+
O. 3 Texas-El Paso *+
O. 10 Washington
O. 17 Washington St. *+
O. 24 Oregon St.
O. 31 UCLA *+
N. 7 Oregon *+
N. 14 California
N. 28 Arizona *+

California
Berkeley, Calif.
(2-9-0)
S. 5 Pacific +
S. 12 San Jose St. +
S. 19 Minnesota *
S. 26 Southern Cal +
O. 3 Tennessee
O. 10 Arizona +
O. 24 UCLA
O. 31 Oregon
N. 14 Arizona St. +
N. 21 Stanford
N. 28 Washington St. @
@ Tokyo, Japan

Oregon
Eugene, Ore.
(5-6-0)
S. 12 Colorado
S. 19 Ohio State
S. 26 San Diego St. +
O. 3 Washington +
O. 10 Southern Cal +
O. 17 UCLA
O. 24 Stanford
O. 31 California +
N. 7 Arizona St. *
N. 14 Washington St.
N. 21 Oregon St. +

Oregon State
Corvallis, Ore.
(3-8-0)
S. 12 Georgia
S. 19 San Jose St. *+
S. 26 Texas *
O. 3 Southern Cal *
O. 10 Akron +
O. 17 Arizona *
O. 24 Arizona St. +
O. 31 Washington
N. 7 UCLA +
N. 14 Stanford +
N. 21 Oregon

Southern Cal
Los Angeles, Calif.
(7-4-0)
S. 7 Michigan St. *
S. 19 Boston College +
S. 26 California
O. 3 Oregon St. *+
O. 10 Oregon
O. 17 Washington
O. 24 Notre Dame
O. 31 Washington St. +
N. 7 Stanford +
N. 14 Arizona +
N. 21 UCLA +

Stanford
Stanford, Calif.
(8-3-0)
S. 5 Washington
S. 19 Colorado
S. 26 San Jose St. +
O. 3 UCLA +
O. 10 Washington St.
O. 17 San Diego St. *
O. 24 Oregon +
O. 31 Arizona +
N. 7 Southern Cal
N. 14 Oregon St.
N. 21 California +

UCLA
Los Angeles, Calif.
(7-3-1)
S. 5 San Diego St. *+
S. 12 Nebraska
S. 19 Fresno St. +
S. 26 Arizona +
O. 3 Stanford
O. 17 Oregon +
O. 24 California +
O. 31 Arizona St. *
N. 7 Oregon St.
N. 14 Washington +
N. 21 Southern Cal

Washington
Seattle, Wash.
(8-2-1)
S. 5 Stanford +
S. 12 Purdue +
S. 19 Texas A&M
S. 26 Pacific +
O. 3 Oregon
O. 10 Arizona St. +
O. 17 Southern Cal +
O. 31 Oregon St. +
N. 7 Arizona
N. 14 UCLA
N. 21 Washington St. +

Washington State
Pullman, Wash.
(3-7-1)
S. 5 Fresno St. +
S. 12 Wyoming +
S. 19 Michigan
S. 26 Colorado
O. 10 Stanford +
O. 17 Arizona St. *
O. 24 Arizona +
O. 31 Southern Cal
N. 14 Oregon +
N. 21 Washington
N. 28 California @
@ Tokyo, Japan

SOUTHEASTERN

Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(9-3-0)
S. 5 Southern Miss @
S. 12 Penn State *
S. 19 Florida @
S. 26 Vanderbilt *
O. 3 SW Louisiana @
O. 10 Memphis St.
O. 17 Tennessee @
O. 31 Mississippi St. @
N. 7 Louisiana St. *
N. 14 Notre Dame
N. 28 Auburn @
@ Birmingham, Ala.

Auburn
Auburn, Ala.
(9-2-0)
S. 5 Texas *+
S. 12 Kansas *+
S. 26 Tennessee
O. 3 North Carolina
O. 10 Vanderbilt +
O. 17 Georgia Tech
O. 24 Mississippi St. +
O. 31 Florida +
N. 7 Florida St. +
N. 14 Georgia
N. 28 Alabama @
@ Birmingham, Ala.

Florida
Gainesville, Fla.
(6-5-0)
S. 5 Miami, Fla. *
S. 12 Tulsa +
S. 19 Alabama @
S. 26 Mississippi St. +
O. 3 Louisiana St. *
O. 10 Fullerton St. +
O. 17 Temple +
O. 31 Auburn
N. 7 Georgia %
N. 14 Kentucky +
N. 28 Florida St. +
@ Birmingham, Ala.
% Jacksonville, Fla.

Georgia
Athens, Ga.
(7-4-0)
S. 5 Virginia +
S. 12 Oregon St. +
S. 19 Clemson
S. 26 South Carolina +
O. 3 Mississippi
O. 10 Louisiana St. +
O. 17 Vanderbilt *
O. 24 Kentucky +
N. 7 Florida @
N. 14 Auburn +
N. 28 Georgia Tech
@ Jacksonville, Fla.

Kentucky
Lexington, Ky.
(5-5-1)
S. 12 Utah State +
S. 19 Indiana +
S. 26 Rutgers @
O. 3 Ohio +
O. 10 Mississippi *+
O. 17 Louisiana St. *
O. 24 Georgia
O. 31 Virginia Tech *+
N. 7 Vanderbilt
N. 14 Florida
N. 21 Tennessee +
@ East Rutherford, N.J.

Louisiana State
Baton Rouge, La.
(9-2-0)
S. 5 Texas A&M *
S. 12 Fullerton St. *+
S. 19 Rice *+
S. 26 Ohio State +
O. 3 Florida *+
O. 10 Georgia
O. 17 Kentucky *+
O. 31 Mississippi *@
N. 7 Alabama *+
N. 14 Mississippi St. *+
N. 21 Tulane *
@ Jackson, Miss.

Mississippi
University, Miss.
(7-3-1)
S. 5 Memphis St. *
S. 12 Arkansas *@
S. 19 Arkansas St. +
S. 26 Tulane *
O. 3 Georgia +
O. 10 Kentucky +
O. 17 SW Louisiana +
O. 24 Vanderbilt +
O. 31 Louisiana St. *@
N. 14 Tennessee
N. 21 Mississippi St. @
@ Jackson, Miss.

Mississippi State
Mississippi State, Miss.
(6-5-0)
S. 5 SW Louisiana *+
S. 12 Tennessee *+
S. 19 Louisiana Tech *+
S. 26 Florida
O. 3 Memphis St. *+
O. 17 Southern Miss @
O. 24 Auburn
O. 31 Alabama %
N. 7 Tulane *+
N. 14 Louisiana St. +
N. 21 Mississippi @
@ Jackson, Miss.
% Birmingham, Ala.

Tennessee
Knoxville, Tenn.
(6-5-0)
A. 30 Iowa @
S. 5 Colorado St. *+
S. 12 Mississippi St. *
S. 26 Auburn +
O. 3 California +
O. 17 Alabama %
O. 24 Georgia Tech +
O. 31 Boston College
N. 7 Louisville +
N. 14 Mississippi +
N. 21 Kentucky
N. 28 Vanderbilt +
@ East Rutherford, N.J.
% Birmingham, Ala.

Vanderbilt
Nashville, Tenn.
(1-10-0)
S. 12 Memphis St. *+
S. 19 Duke *
S. 26 Alabama *+
O. 3 Tulane *
O. 10 Auburn
O. 17 Georgia *+
O. 24 Mississippi
O. 31 Rutgers +
N. 7 Kentucky +
N. 21 Maryland +
N. 28 Tennessee

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas
Fayetteville, Ark.
(9-2-0)
S. 12 Mississippi *@
S. 19 Tulsa +
S. 26 Miami, Fla. *%
O. 3 Texas Christian *
O. 10 Texas Tech*
O. 17 Texas *%
O. 24 Houston +
O. 31 Rice
N. 7 Baylor +
N. 14 Texas A&M
N. 28 New Mexico %
D. 5 Hawaii
@ Jackson, Miss.
% Little Rock, Ark.

Baylor
Waco, Texas
(8-3-0)
S. 5 Louisiana Tech +
S. 12 Missouri
S. 19 Nevada-Las Vegas *
S. 26 Texas Tech *+
O. 3 Houston *
O. 10 SW Texas +
O. 17 Texas A&M +
O. 24 Texas Christian +
N. 7 Arkansas
N. 14 Rice +
N. 21 Texas

Houston
Houston, Texas
(1-10-0)
S. 12 Oklahoma St. *+
S. 26 Sam Houston St. *+
O. 3 Baylor +
O. 10 Texas A&M
O. 17 Wyoming
O. 24 Arkansas
O. 31 Texas Christian
N. 7 Texas *+
N. 14 Temple
N. 21 Texas Tech *+
N. 28 Rice

Rice
Houston, Texas
(4-7-0)
S. 5 Lamar *+
S. 12 Indiana
S. 19 Louisiana St. *
S. 26 SW Texas *
O. 3 Texas *
O. 10 Texas Christian *+
O. 17 Texas Tech
O. 24 Texas A&M +
O. 31 Arkansas +
N. 14 Baylor
N. 28 Houston +

Texas
Austin, Texas
(5-6-0)
S. 5 Auburn *
S. 12 Brigham Young *+
S. 26 Oregon St. *+
O. 3 Rice *+
O. 10 Oklahoma @
O. 17 Arkansas *%
O. 31 Texas Tech +
N. 7 Houston *
N. 14 Texas Christian +
N. 21 Baylor +
N. 26 Texas A&M
@ Dallas, Texas
% Little Rock, Ark.

Texas A&M
College Station, Texas
(9-2-0)
S. 5 Louisiana St. *+
S. 19 Washington +
S. 26 Southern Miss. @
O. 3 Texas Tech *
O. 10 Houston +
O. 17 Baylor
O. 24 Rice
O. 31 Louisiana Tech +
N. 14 Arkansas +
N. 21 Texas Christian
N. 26 Texas +
@ Jackson, Miss.

Texas Christian
Fort Worth, Texas
(3-8-0)
S. 5 Boston College
S. 12 Air Force
S. 19 Brigham Young *+
O. 3 Arkansas *+
O. 10 Rice*
O. 17 North Texas St. +
O. 24 Baylor
O. 31 Houston +
N. 7 Texas Tech
N. 14 Texas
N. 21 Texas A&M +

Texas Tech
Lubbock, Texas
(7-4-0)
S. 5 Florida St. *
S. 12 Colorado St. *+
S. 19 Lamar *+
S. 26 Baylor *
O. 3 Texas A&M *+
O. 10 Arkansas *+
O. 17 Rice +
O. 24 Tulsa +
O. 31 Texas
N. 7 Texas Christian +
N. 21 Houston *

WESTERN ATHLETIC

Air Force
Academy, Colo.
(6-5-0)
S. 5 Wyoming
S. 12 Texas Christian +
S. 19 San Diego St. +
S. 26 Colorado St.
O. 3 Utah +
O. 10 Navy
O. 17 Notre Dame +
O. 24 Texas-El Paso +
O. 31 Brigham Young
N. 7 Army +
N. 14 New Mexico
N. 21 Hawaii *

Brigham Young
Provo, Utah
(8-4-0)
S. 5 Pittsburgh +
S. 12 Texas *
S. 19 Texas Christian *
S. 26 New Mexico
O. 2 Utah St. *+
O. 10 Wyoming +
O. 24 Hawaii *
O. 31 Air Force +
N. 7 San Diego St. *
N. 14 Texas-El Paso
N. 21 Utah +
D. 4 Colorado St. @
@ Melbourne, Australia

Colorado State
Fort Collins, Colo.
(6-5-0)
S. 5 Tennessee *
S. 12 Texas Tech *
S. 19 Texas-El Paso +
S. 26 Air Force +
O. 3 Colorado +
O. 10 Utah +
O. 24 New Mexico +
O. 31 Wyoming
N. 7 Hawaii *
N. 14 San Diego St. *
N. 21 SW Louisiana *
D. 4 Brigham Young @
@ Melbourne, Australia

Hawaii
Honolulu, Hi.
(7-5-0)
S. 5 Fullerton St. *+
S. 12 Wisconsin
S. 26 Texas-El Paso *
O. 3 Yale *+
O. 10 New Mexico
O. 17 Utah *+
O. 24 Brigham Young *+
O. 31 San Diego St. *+
N. 7 Colorado St. *+
N. 21 Air Force *+
N. 28 Wyoming *+
D. 5 Arkansas +

New Mexico
Albuquerque, N.M.
(4-8-0)
S. 5 Utah *
S. 12 New Mexico St. *
S. 19 Arizona *
S. 26 Brigham Young +
O. 10 Hawaii +
O. 24 Colorado St.
O. 31 Texas-El Paso
N. 7 Wyoming +
N. 14 Air Force +
N. 21 San Diego St. *
N. 28 Arkansas @
@ Little Rock, Ark.

San Diego State
San Diego, Calif.
(8-3-0)
S. 5 UCLA *
S. 12 Utah *+
S. 19 Air Force
S. 26 Oregon
O. 3 Wyoming
O. 10 Texas-El Paso *+
O. 17 Stanford *+
O. 24 Long Beach St. *+
O. 31 Hawaii *
N. 7 Brigham Young
N. 14 Colorado St. *+
N. 21 New Mexico *+

Texas-El Paso
El Paso, Texas
(4-8-0)
S. 5 New Mexico St. *+
S. 19 Colorado St.
S. 26 Hawaii *+
O. 3 Arizona St. *
O. 10 San Diego St.*
O. 17 Lamar *+
O. 24 Air Force
O. 31 New Mexico +
N. 7 Utah
N. 14 Brigham Young +
N. 21 Wyoming +

Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah
(2-9-0)
S. 5 New Mexico *+
S. 12 San Diego St. *
S. 19 Wisconsin
S. 26 Idaho St. *+
O. 3 Air Force
O. 10 Colorado St.
O. 17 Hawaii %
O. 24 Utah State +
O. 31 Boise St.
N. 7 Texas-El Paso +
N. 14 Wyoming +
N. 21 Brigham Young

Wyoming
Laramie, Wyo.
(6-6-0)
S. 5 Air Force +
S. 12 Washington St.
S. 19 Oklahoma St. +
S. 26 Iowa State +
O. 3 San Diego St. +
O. 10 Brigham Young
O. 17 Houston +
O. 31 Colorado St. +
N. 7 New Mexico
N. 14 Utah
N. 21 Texas-El Paso
N. 28 Hawaii *

(Television may cause changes in some schedules after *Athlon's* publication date. 1986 records do not include bowl games.)

INDEPENDENTS AND OTHER CONFERENCES

Akron
Akron, Ohio
(7-4-0)
S. 5 Western Mich.
S. 12 Kent State +*
S. 19 Eastern Mich. +*
S. 24 Temple
O. 3 Eastern Ill. +*
O. 10 Oregon St.
O. 17 Delaware St. +
O. 24 Louisville
N. 14 Northern Ill.
N. 21 Youngstown St. +

Appalachian St.
Boone, N.C.
(9-1-1)
S. 5 South Carolina*
S. 12 James Madison +
S. 19 Va. Military +
S. 26 Wake Forest*
O. 10 Liberty +
O. 17 Furman
O. 24 Tenn.-Chatt. +
O. 31 East Tenn. St.*
N. 7 Marshall +
N. 14 Citadel
N. 21 Western Caro.

Arkansas State
State University, Ark.
(9-1-1)
S. 5 NW Louisiana +* +
S. 12 Miss. College +*
S. 19 Mississippi
S. 26 East Texas St. +*
O. 3 McNeese St. *
O. 17 Louisiana Tech +*.
O. 24 Southern Ill.
O. 31 Memphis St. *
N. 7 North Texas St. + +
N. 14 Lamar *
N. 21 NE Louisiana *

Austin Peay
Clarksville, Tenn.
(5-6-0)
S. 5 Kansas St. *
S. 12 Tenn.-Martin *
S. 19 Southern Ill. +*
S. 26 Tenn. Tech +*
O. 3 Middle Tenn.
O. 10 Morehead St. +
O. 17 Youngstown St.
O. 24 Western Ky. +*
N. 31 Eastern Ky.
N. 14 Cincinnati *
N. 21 Murray St.

Ball State
Muncie, Ind.
(6-5-0)
S. 12 Toledo *
S. 19 Bowling Green +
S. 26 Wisconsin
O. 3 Miami, O.
O. 10 Kent State +
O. 17 Eastern Mich. *
O. 24 Central Mich. +
O. 31 Northern Ill. +
N. 7 Western Mich.
N. 14 Ohio +
N. 21 Indiana St. @
@ Indianapolis, Ind.

Boise State
Boise, Idaho
(5-6-0)
S. 5 Delaware St. +*
S. 12 Northridge +*
S. 26 Weber St.
O. 3 Montana St. +*
O. 10 Eastern Wash. +*
O. 17 Montana
O. 24 Idaho St. +*
O. 31 Utah +
N. 7 Nevada-Reno
N. 14 Northern Ariz. +
N. 21 Idaho

Boston
Boston, Mass.
(4-7-0)
S. 12 Indiana St.*
S. 19 New Hampshire +*
S. 26 Maine
O. 3 Villanova
O. 10 Connecticut +
O. 17 Rhode Island +
O. 24 Massachusetts
O. 31 Richmond +
N. 7 Citadel +
N. 14 Colgate
N. 21 Delaware

Bowling Green St.
Bowling Green, Ohio
(5-6-0)
S. 5 Penn State
S. 12 Youngstown St. +
S. 19 Ball State
S. 26 Western Mich. +
O. 3 Arizona
O. 10 Ohio
O. 17 Toledo +
O. 31 Miami, O.
N. 7 Kent State +
N. 14 Eastern Mich.
N. 21 Central Mich. +

Brown
Providence, R.I.
(5-4-1)
S. 19 Yale
S. 26 Rhode Island +
O. 3 Princeton +
O. 10 Pennsylvania
O. 17 Cornell +
O. 24 Holy Cross
O. 31 Harvard +
N. 7 Lehigh
N. 14 Dartmouth
N. 21 Columbia +

Bucknell
Lewisburg, Pa.
(3-7-0)
S. 12 Colgate
S. 19 Davidson
S. 26 Pennsylvania +
O. 3 Harvard
O. 10 Lafayette
O. 17 Holy Cross +
O. 24 Columbia +
O. 31 Cornell
N. 7 William & Mary
N. 14 Lehigh +

Central Michigan
Mt. Pleasant, Mich.
(5-5-0)
S. 5 Miami, O. +
S. 12 Idaho *
S. 26 Minnesota*
O. 3 Kent State
O. 10 Eastern Mich. +
O. 17 Tulsa +
O. 24 Ball State
O. 31 Western Mich. +
N. 7 Ohio
N. 14 Toledo +
N. 21 Bowling Green

Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio
(5-6-0)
S. 5 Rutgers +*
S. 12 Louisville
S. 19 Penn State
S. 26 Miami, O. +*
O. 10 East Carolina
O. 17 West Virginia
O. 24 Miami, Fla. +*
O. 31 Tenn. Tech. +
N. 7 Indiana St. @
N. 14 Austin Peay +*
N. 21 Virginia Tech
@ Indianapolis, Ind.

The Citadel
Charleston, S.C.
(3-8-0)
S. 5 Wofford +*
S. 12 Georgia Tech
S. 19 Presbyterian +*
S. 26 Army
O. 10 Va. Military +
O. 17 Tenn.-Chatt. *
O. 24 East Tenn. St.
O. 31 Western Caro. +
N. 7 Boston U.
N. 14 Appalachian St. +
N. 21 Furman +

Colgate
Hamilton, N.Y.
(4-7-0)
S. 5 Duke *
S. 12 Bucknell +
S. 19 William & Mary +
S. 26 Cornell
O. 3 Holy Cross
O. 10 Lehigh +
O. 17 Army
O. 24 Syracuse
O. 31 Lafayette
N. 7 Princeton
N. 14 Boston U. +

Columbia
New York, N.Y.
(0-10-0)
S. 19 Harvard +
S. 26 Lafayette
O. 3 Pennsylvania +
O. 10 Princeton
O. 17 Yale +
O. 24 Bucknell
O. 31 Lehigh +
N. 7 Dartmouth +
N. 14 Cornell
N. 21 Brown

Connecticut
Storrs, Conn.
(8-3-0)
S. 12 Southern Conn. +
S. 19 Northeastern +
S. 26 Yale
O. 3 Richmond
O. 10 Boston U.
O. 17 Massachusetts +
O. 24 Maine
O. 31 Villanova +
N. 7 Delaware +
N. 14 Rhode Island
N. 21 New Hampshire +

Cornell
Ithaca, N.Y.
(8-2-0)
S. 19 Pennsylvania
S. 26 Colgate +
O. 3 Lafayette +
O. 10 Harvard +
O. 17 Brown
O. 24 Dartmouth +
O. 31 Bucknell +
N. 7 Yale
N. 14 Columbia +
N. 21 Princeton

Dartmouth
Hanover, N.H.
(3-6-1)
S. 19 Princeton +
S. 26 New Hampshire
O. 3 Davidson +
O. 10 Holy Cross +
O. 17 Harvard
O. 24 Cornell
O. 31 Yale +
N. 7 Columbia
N. 14 Brown +
N. 21 Pennsylvania

Davidson
Davidson, N.C.
(9-5-0)
S. 5 Presbyterian
S. 12 Lehigh
S. 19 Bucknell +
S. 26 Princeton @
O. 3 Dartmouth
O. 10 Wingate +*
O. 17 Lafayette
O. 24 Wofford
O. 31 Furman
N. 7 West Va. Tech. +
N. 14 Catawba +
@ Charlotte, N.C.

Delaware
Newark, Del.
(8-4-0)
S. 12 Rhode Island
S. 19 West Chester +
S. 26 Richmond +
O. 3 New Hampshire
O. 10 Massachusetts +
O. 17 William & Mary
O. 24 Lehigh
O. 31 Maine +
N. 7 Connecticut
N. 14 Navy +
N. 21 Boston U. +

East Carolina
Greenville, N.C.
(2-9-0)
S. 5 North Carolina St. +
S. 12 Florida St. +*
S. 19 Illinois *
S. 26 Ga. Southern +
O. 3 West Virginia
O. 10 Cincinnati +
O. 17 Virginia Tech
O. 24 South Carolina
O. 31 Miami, Fla. +
N. 7 Temple +
N. 14 Southern Miss

Eastern Illinois
Charleston, Ill.
(10-1-0)
S. 5 San Jose St.
S. 12 NE Missouri
S. 19 Illinois St. +*
S. 26 Liberty
O. 3 Akron *
O. 10 Western Ill. +*
O. 17 Indiana St. +
O. 24 SW Missouri +
O. 31 Northern Iowa *
N. 7 Southern Ill. +
N. 14 Western Ky.

Eastern Kentucky
Richmond, Ky.
(8-2-1)
S. 12 Tenn.-Chatt. *
S. 19 Marshall +
S. 26 Central Fla.
O. 3 Western Ky. +
O. 10 Murray St. +
O. 17 Middle Tenn.
O. 24 Youngstown St.
O. 31 Austin Peay +
N. 7 Tenn. Tech
N. 21 Morehead St.

Eastern Michigan
Ypsilanti, Mich.
(6-5-0)
S. 5 Youngstown St. +*
S. 12 Miami, O.
S. 19 Akron *
S. 26 Kent State
O. 3 Northern Ill. +*
O. 10 Central Mich.
O. 17 Ball State +*
O. 24 Western Mich.
O. 31 Ohio +
N. 7 Toledo
N. 14 Bowling Green +

East Tennessee St.
Johnson City, Tenn.
(6-5-0)
S. 19 William & Mary +*
S. 12 Wofford *
S. 19 Tenn.-Chatt. +*
S. 26 Western Caro. +*
O. 10 Furman
O. 17 Marshall
O. 24 Citadel +
O. 31 Appalachian St. +*
N. 7 North Carolina St.
N. 14 Va. Military
N. 21 James Madison +*

Florida State
Tallahassee, Fla.
(4-4-1)
S. 5 Texas Tech +*
S. 12 East Carolina
S. 19 Memphis St. +*
S. 26 Michigan St.
O. 3 Miami, Fla. +
O. 10 Southern Miss
O. 17 Louisville +
O. 31 Tulane +
N. 7 Auburn
N. 14 Furman +*
N. 28 Florida

Fresno State
Fresno, Calif.
(9-2-0)
S. 5 Washington St.
S. 12 Western Ill. +*
S. 19 UCLA
O. 1 Long Beach St. +*
O. 10 Southern Ill. +*
O. 17 San Jose St. +*
O. 24 Pacific
O. 31 UN-LV +*
N. 7 Fullerton St. +*
N. 14 Utah State
N. 21 New Mexico St.

Fullerton St.
Fullerton, Calif.
(3-9-0)
S. 5 Hawaii *
S. 12 Louisiana St. *
S. 19 Long Beach St. +
S. 26 Utah State
O. 3 San Jose St.
O. 10 Florida
O. 17 UN-LV +
O. 24 Northern Ill.
O. 31 New Mexico St. +
N. 7 Fresno St. *
N. 14 Pacific +
N. 21 Montana +

Furman
Greenville, S.C.
(7-2-2)
S. 5 South Carolina St. *
S. 12 Presbyterian +
S. 19 Western Caro. *
S. 26 Tenn.-Chatt. +
O. 3 Marshall +
O. 10 East Tenn. St. +
O. 17 Appalachian St. +
O. 31 Davidson +
N. 7 Va. Military +
N. 14 Florida St.*
N. 21 Citadel

Georgia Southern
Statesboro, Ga.
(9-2-0)
S. 5 Catawba +
S. 12 Florida A&M *
S. 19 Middle Tenn. +
S. 26 East Carolina
O. 3 Central Fla. +
O. 10 Beth.-Cookman *
O. 17 NE Louisiana *
O. 24 Western Caro.
O. 31 Western Ky. +
N. 7 James Madison +
N. 21 South Carolina St.

Grambling
Grambling, La.
(7-4-0)
S. 5 Alcorn St. +
S. 12 Central St.
S. 26 Beth.-Cookman +
O. 3 Prairie View *
O. 10 Tennessee St.
O. 17 Miss. Valley St. +
O. 24 Jackson St.
O. 31 Tex. Southern +
N. 7 Alabama St.
N. 14 South Carolina St. +
N. 28 Southern U.

Harvard
Cambridge, Mass.
(5-3-1)
S. 19 Columbia
S. 26 Northeastern +
O. 3 Bucknell +
O. 10 Cornell
O. 17 Dartmouth +
O. 24 Princeton +
O. 31 Brown
N. 7 Holy Cross
N. 14 Pennsylvania +
N. 21 Yale

Holy Cross
Worcester, Mass.
(10-1-0)
S. 12 Army
S. 19 Lafayette +
S. 26 Lehigh
O. 3 Colgate +
O. 10 Dartmouth
O. 17 Bucknell
O. 24 Brown +
O. 31 Massachusetts
N. 7 Harvard +
N. 14 William & Mary +
N. 21 Villanova

Idaho
Moscow, Idaho
(8-3-0)
S. 5 Mankato St. +*
S. 12 Central Mich. +*
S. 19 Portland St. *
S. 26 Northern Ariz. *
O. 3 Idaho St. *
O. 10 Montana +*
O. 17 Nevada-Reno +
O. 24 Eastern Wash. +*
O. 31 Weber St.
N. 7 Montana St.
N. 21 Boise St. +

Idaho State
Pocatello, Idaho
(2-9-0)
S. 12 Texas A&I +*
S. 19 Eastern Wash.
S. 26 Utah +
O. 3 Idaho +*
O. 10 Portland St. +*
O. 17 Northern Ariz. +*
O. 24 Boise St.
O. 31 Nevada-Reno
N. 7 Montana
N. 14 Montana St. +*
N. 21 Weber St. +*

Illinois State
Normal, Ill.
(5-5-0)
S. 12 Western Mich. +*
S. 19 Eastern Ill.*
S. 26 Southern Ill.
O. 3 Western Ill. +
O. 17 Eastern Wash.
O. 24 Indiana St. +
O. 31 SW Missouri
N. 7 Northern Mich. +
N. 14 NW Missouri +
N. 21 Northern Iowa*

Indiana State
Terre Haute, Ind.
(3-8-0)
S. 5 Salem +*
S. 12 Boston U. +*
S. 19 Western Ill. *
S. 26 Northern Iowa +
O. 3 SW Missouri
O. 10 Georgia Tech
O. 17 Eastern Ill.
O. 24 Illinois St.
O. 31 Southern Ill. +
N. 7 Cincinnati @
N. 21 Ball State @
@ Indianapolis, Ind.

Kent State
Kent, Ohio
(5-6-0)
S. 12 Akron*
S. 19 Kansas
S. 26 Eastern Mich. +
O. 3 Central Mich. +
O. 10 Ball State
O. 17 Western Mich. +
O. 24 Ohio
O. 31 Toledo +
N. 7 Bowling Green
N. 14 Miami, O. +
N. 21 Pittsburgh

Lafayette
Easton, Pa.
(6-5-0)
S. 12 Kutztown +
S. 19 Holy Cross
S. 26 Columbia +
O. 3 Cornell
O. 10 Bucknell +
O. 17 Davidson +
O. 24 New Hampshire
O. 31 Colgate +
N. 7 Pennsylvania +
N. 14 Army
N. 21 Lehigh

Lamar
Beaumont, Texas
(2-9-0)
S. 5 Rice *
S. 12 Northern Ill. *
S. 19 Texas Tech *
S. 26 S.F. Austin +
O. 3 Texas A&I *
O. 10 NE Louisiana +
O. 17 Texas-El Paso *
O. 24 Sam Houston St. +
O. 31 SW Texas
N. 14 Arkansas St. +
N. 21 McNeese St. +

Lehigh
Bethlehem, Pa.
(5-6-0)
S. 12 Davidson +
S. 19 Navy
S. 26 Holy Cross +
O. 3 William & Mary
O. 10 Colgate
O. 17 Princeton
O. 24 Delaware +
O. 31 Columbia
N. 7 Brown +
N. 14 Bucknell
N. 21 Lafayette +

Long Beach St.
Long Beach, Calif.
(6-5-0)
S. 5 Montana St. +
S. 12 Weber St. +
S. 19 Fullerton St.
S. 26 Michigan
O. 1 Fresno St. *
O. 10 Pacific *
O. 17 New Mexico St. +
O. 24 San Diego St. *
N. 7 UN-LV *
N. 14 San Jose St. +
N. 21 Utah State +

Louisiana Tech
Ruston, La.
(6-4-1)
S. 5 Baylor
S. 12 NE Louisiana +
S. 19 Mississippi St. *
S. 26 Kansas
O. 3 Tenn.-Chatt. *
O. 10 McNeese St. +*
O. 17 Arkansas St.
O. 24 Northwestern St. *@
O. 31 Texas A&M
N. 14 SW Missouri +
N. 21 North Texas St. *
@ Shreveport, La.

Louisville
Louisville, Ky.
(3-8-0)
S. 5 Tulane +*
S. 12 Cincinnati +*
S. 19 Purdue
S. 26 Murray St. +*
O. 3 Southern Miss +*
O. 10 Marshall +*
O. 17 Florida St. *
O. 24 Akron +
O. 31 Tulsa *
N. 7 Tennessee
N. 14 Memphis St. *

Maine
Orono, Maine
(7-4-0)
S. 5 American Int'l +
S. 12 Massachusetts
S. 19 Rhode Island
S. 26 Boston U. +
O. 3 Towson St.
O. 10 Northeastern
O. 17 Richmond +
O. 24 Connecticut +
O. 31 Delaware
N. 7 New Hampshire +

Marshall
Huntington, W. Va.
(6-4-1)
S. 5 Morehead St. +
S. 12 Ohio
S. 19 Eastern Ky.
S. 26 Youngstown St. +
O. 3 Furman
O. 10 Fullerton St.
O. 17 East Tenn. St. +
O. 24 Va. Military +
O. 31 Tenn.-Chatt. *
N. 7 Appalachian St.
N. 14 Western Caro. +

Massachusetts
Amherst, Mass.
(8-3-0)
S. 12 Maine +
S. 19 Richmond
S. 26 James Madison +
O. 3 Rhode Island +
O. 10 Delaware
O. 17 Connecticut
O. 24 Boston U. +
O. 31 Holy Cross +
N. 7 Villanova
N. 14 Northeastern
N. 21 Northern Ill.

McNeese St.
Lake Charles, La.
(2-9-0)
S. 5 Northern Iowa +*
S. 12 NW Louisiana +
S. 19 S.F. Austin +*
S. 26 North Texas St. +*
O. 3 Arkansas St. +*
O. 10 Louisiana Tech *
O. 24 New Mexico St. *
O. 31 NE Louisiana *
N. 7 SW Texas +*
N. 14 Nicholls St. +*
N. 21 Lamar

Memphis St.
Memphis, Tenn.
(1-10-0)
S. 5 Mississippi +*
S. 12 Vanderbilt *
S. 19 Florida St. *
O. 3 Mississippi St. *
O. 10 Alabama +
O. 17 Tulane +*
O. 24 Southern Miss +*
O. 31 Arkansas St. +*
N. 7 SW Louisiana *
N. 21 Louisville +
N. 21 Tulsa

Miami (Fla.)
Coral Gables, Fla.
(11-0-0)
S. 5 Florida +*
S. 19 South Carolina +
S. 26 Arkansas *@
O. 3 Florida St.
O. 10 Maryland +
O. 24 Cincinnati *
O. 31 East Carolina
N. 7 Miami, O. +*
N. 14 Virginia Tech +
N. 21 Toledo +*
N. 28 Notre Dame +
@ Little Rock, Ark.

Miami (Ohio)
Oxford, Ohio
(8-3-0)
S. 5 Central Mich.
S. 12 Eastern Mich. +
S. 19 Syracuse *
S. 26 Cincinnati *
O. 3 Ball State +
O. 10 Western Mich.
O. 17 Ohio +
O. 24 Toledo
O. 31 Bowling Green +
N. 7 Miami, Fla. *
N. 14 Kent State

Middle Tennessee
Murfreesboro, Tenn.
(6-5-0)
S. 5 Tennessee St. *
S. 19 Ga. Southern
S. 26 Western Ky.
O. 3 Austin Peay +
O. 10 Miss. Valley St.
O. 17 Eastern Ky. +
O. 31 Youngstown St. +
N. 7 Morehead St.
N. 14 Murray St. +
N. 21 Tenn. Tech.

Montana
Missoula, Mont.
(6-4-0)
S. 5 Portland St. +
S. 19 Northern Ariz. *
S. 26 Nevada-Reno +
O. 3 Northern Iowa
O. 10 Idaho *
O. 17 Boise St. +
O. 24 Weber St. +
O. 31 Montana St.
N. 7 Idaho St. +
N. 14 Eastern Wash.
N. 21 Fullerton St.

Montana St.
Bozeman, Mont.
(3-8-0)
S. 5 Long Beach St.
S. 12 Sam Houston St. +
S. 19 Northern Iowa *
S. 26 Eastern Wash. +
O. 3 Boise St. *
O. 10 Nevada-Reno
O. 17 Weber St. +
O. 24 Northern Ariz. *
O. 31 Montana +
N. 7 Idaho +
N. 14 Idaho St. *

Morehead State
Morehead, Ky.
(7-4-0)
S. 5 Marshall
S. 12 Kentucky St. +
S. 19 James Madison
O. 10 Austin Peay
O. 17 Tenn. Tech +
O. 24 Tennessee St. +
O. 31 Murray St.
N. 7 Middle Tenn. +
N. 14 Youngstown St.
N. 21 Eastern Ky. +

Murray State
Murray, Ky.
(7-3-1)
S. 5 Tenn.-Martin +*
S. 12 SE Missouri +*
S. 19 Western Ky.
S. 26 Louisville *
O. 10 Eastern Ky.
O. 17 Alcorn St. +*
O. 24 Tenn. Tech
O. 31 Morehead St. +
N. 7 Youngstown St.
N. 14 Middle Tenn.
N. 21 Austin Peay +

Nevada-Las Vegas
Las Vegas, Nevada
(6-5-0)
S. 12 SW Louisiana *
S. 19 Baylor +*
O. 3 Nevada-Reno +*
O. 10 Utah State +*
O. 17 Fullerton St.
O. 24 San Jose St.
O. 31 Fresno St. *
N. 7 Long Beach St. +*
N. 14 New Mexico St. *
N. 21 Pacific +*
N. 28 Northern Ill. +*

Nevada-Reno
Reno, Nevada
(11-0-0)
S. 12 Eastern Wash.
S. 19 Calif.-Davis +
S. 26 Montana
O. 3 UN-LV +
O. 10 Montana St. +
O. 17 Idaho
O. 24 S.F. Austin +
O. 31 Idaho St. +
N. 7 Boise St. +
N. 14 Weber St. +
N. 21 Northern Ariz. *

Northwestern St.
Natchitoches, La.
(5-5-1)
S. 5 Arkansas St. *
S. 12 McNeese St. +*
S. 19 North Texas St. +*
S. 26 Sam Houston St. *
O. 3 NE Louisiana +
O. 10 SW Louisiana *
O. 17 SW Texas *
O. 24 Louisiana Tech *@
N. 7 Nicholls St. *
N. 14 Jackson St. +*
N. 21 S.F. Austin +*
@ Shreveport, La.

Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Ind.
(5-6-0)
S. 12 Michigan
S. 19 Michigan St. +
S. 26 Purdue
O. 10 Pittsburgh
O. 17 Air Force
O. 24 Southern Cal +
O. 31 Navy +
N. 7 Boston College +
N. 14 Alabama +
N. 21 Penn State
N. 28 Miami, Fla.

Ohio
Athens, Ohio
(1-10-0)
S. 5 West Virginia
S. 12 Marshall +
S. 19 Toledo *
O. 3 Kentucky
O. 10 Bowling Green +
O. 17 Miami, O. *
O. 24 Kent State +
O. 31 Eastern Mich.
N. 7 Central Mich. +
N. 14 Ball State
N. 21 Western Mich. +

Pacific
Stockton, Calif.
(4-7-0)
S. 5 California
S. 12 Sacramento St. +*
S. 19 Arizona St. *
S. 26 Washington
O. 3 New Mexico St. +*
O. 10 Long Beach St. +*
O. 17 Utah State
O. 24 Fresno St. +
N. 7 San Jose St.
N. 14 Fullerton St.
N. 21 UN-LV *

Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.
(10-0-0)
S. 19 Cornell +
S. 26 Bucknell
O. 3 Columbia
O. 10 Brown +
O. 17 Navy +
O. 24 Yale
O. 31 Princeton +
N. 7 Lafayette
N. 14 Harvard
N. 21 Dartmouth +

Princeton
Princeton, N.J.
(2-8-0)
S. 19 Dartmouth
S. 26 Davidson @
O. 3 Brown
O. 10 Columbia +
O. 17 Lehigh +
O. 24 Harvard
O. 31 Pennsylvania
N. 7 Colgate +
N. 14 Yale +
N. 21 Cornell +
@ Charlotte, N.C.

Rhode Island
Kingston, R.I.
(1-10-0)
S. 5 James Madison*
S. 12 Delaware +
S. 19 Maine +
S. 26 Brown
O. 3 Massachusetts
O. 17 Boston U.
O. 24 Richmond
O. 31 New Hampshire +
N. 7 Northeastern +
N. 14 Connecticut +
N. 21 Towson St.

Richmond
Richmond, Va.
(4-7-0)
S. 5 New Hampshire
S. 12 Wake Forest *
S. 19 Massachusetts +
S. 26 Delaware
O. 3 Connecticut +
O. 10 James Madison
O. 17 Maine
O. 24 Rhode Island +
O. 31 Boston U.
N. 14 Villanova +
N. 21 William & Mary

San Jose St.
San Jose, Calif.
(9-2-0)
S. 5 Eastern Ill. +
S. 12 California
S. 19 Oregon St. *
S. 26 Stanford
O. 3 Fullerton St. +
O. 10 New Mexico St. +
O. 17 Fresno St. *
O. 24 UN-LV +
O. 31 Utah State
N. 7 Pacific +
N. 14 Long Beach St.

Slippery Rock
Slippery Rock, Pa.
(3-7-0)
S. 5 Hillsdale *
S. 12 Central Conn.
S. 19 New Haven +
S. 26 Edinboro +
O. 3 Clarion
O. 10 Lock Haven +
O. 17 Shippensburg
O. 24 California, Pa. +
O. 31 Bloomsburg +
N. 7 Indiana, Pa.

South Carolina
Columbia, S.C.
(3-6-2)
S. 5 Appalachian St. +*
S. 12 Western Caro. +*
S. 19 Miami, Fla.
S. 26 Georgia
O. 3 Nebraska
O. 10 Virginia Tech +
O. 17 Virginia +
O. 24 East Carolina +
O. 31 North Carolina St. +
N. 14 Wake Forest
N. 21 Clemson +

South Dakota
Vermillion, S.D.
(6-5-0)
S. 5 Washburn +
S. 12 Central Missouri +
S. 19 Neb.-Omaha *
S. 26 South Dakota St.
O. 3 Augustana, S.D. +
O. 10 Morningside
O. 17 St. Cloud St. +
O. 24 Mankato St.
O. 31 Northern Colo. +
N. 7 North Dakota
N. 14 Northern Colo. +

South Dakota St.
Brookings, S.D.
(6-5-0)
S. 5 Central Missouri
S. 19 North Dakota St. *
S. 26 South Dakota +
O. 3 Neb.-Omaha *
O. 10 Augustana, S.D.
O. 17 Morningside *
O. 24 St. Cloud St. +
O. 31 North Dakota +
N. 7 Northern Colo.
N. 14 Mankato St. +

Southern Illinois
Carbondale, Ill.
(7-4-0)
S. 5 Delta St. +
S. 12 SW Missouri +
S. 19 Austin Peay
S. 26 Illinois St. +
O. 3 Kansas
O. 10 Fresno St. *
O. 17 Western Ill. +
O. 24 Arkansas St. +
O. 31 Indiana St.
N. 7 Eastern Ill.
N. 14 Northern Iowa *

Southern Miss
Hattiesburg, Miss.
(5-5-0)
S. 5 Alabama@
S. 19 Tulane +
S. 26 Texas A&M %
O. 10 Florida St. +
O. 17 Mississippi St. %
O. 24 Memphis St. *
O. 31 Jackson St. +
N. 7 NE Louisiana +
N. 14 East Carolina +
N. 28 SW Louisiana
@ Birmingham, Ala.
% Jackson, Miss.

SW Louisiana
Lafayette, La.
(5-5-0)
S. 5 Mississippi St. *
S. 12 UN-LV +*
S. 26 Oklahoma St. *
O. 3 Alabama @
O. 10 Northwestern St. +*
O. 17 Mississippi
O. 24 NE Louisiana *
N. 7 Memphis St. +
N. 14 Tulane +
N. 21 Colorado St. +*
N. 28 Southern Miss +
@ Birmingham, Ala.

Tenn.-Chattanooga
Chattanooga, Tenn.
(3-8-0)
S. 12 Eastern Ky. +*
S. 19 East Tenn. St. *
S. 26 Furman
O. 3 Louisiana Tech +*
O. 10 Western Ky. +*
O. 17 Citadel *
O. 24 Appalachian St.
O. 31 Marshall +*
N. 7 Western Caro.
N. 14 Tenn. Tech +*
N. 21 Va. Military

Tennessee St.
Nashville, Tenn.
(9-1-1)
S. 5 Middle Tenn. +*
S. 12 Jackson St. *@
S. 26 Florida A&M *
O. 3 Central St., O. %
O. 10 Gambling +*
O. 17 Morris Brown
O. 24 Morgan St. +*
O. 31 Southern U. *
N. 7 Beth.-Cookman +
N. 14 Tex.-Southern +
N. 21 Alabama A&M
@ Memphis, Tenn.
% Indianapolis, Ind.

Tennessee Tech
Cookeville, Tenn.
(0-10-1)
S. 12 Liberty +*
S. 19 Abilene Christian +
S. 26 Austin Peay *
S. 1 Ark.-Pine Bluff +*
O. 10 Youngstown St. +
O. 17 Morehead St.
O. 24 Murray St. +
O. 31 Cincinnati *
N. 7 Eastern Ky. +
N. 14 Tenn.-Chatt. *
N. 21 Middle Tenn. +

Toledo
Toledo, Ohio
(7-4-0)
S. 5 Temple +*
S. 12 Ball State +*
S. 19 Ohio +*
O. 3 Western Mich.
O. 10 Northern Ill.
O. 17 Bowling Green
O. 24 Miami, O. +
O. 31 Kent State
N. 7 Eastern Mich. +
N. 14 Central Mich.
N. 21 Miami, Fla. *

Tulane
New Orleans, La.
(4-7-0)
S. 5 Louisville
S. 12 Iowa State +*
S. 19 Southern Miss
S. 26 Mississippi +*
O. 3 Vanderbilt +*
O. 17 Memphis St. *
O. 24 Virginia Tech +*
O. 31 Florida St.
N. 7 Mississippi St. *
N. 14 SW Louisiana +*
N. 21 Louisiana St. +*

Tulsa
Tulsa, Okla.
(7-4-0)
S. 5 Oklahoma St. *
S. 12 Florida
S. 19 Arkansas
S. 26 Oklahoma +
O. 3 Kansas St.
O. 10 Temple
O. 17 Central Mich.
O. 24 Texas Tech
O. 31 Louisville +*
N. 7 Northern Ariz. +
N. 21 Memphis St. +

Utah State
Logan, Utah
(3-8-0)
S. 5 Nebraska
S. 12 Kentucky
S. 26 Fullerton St. +
O. 2 Brigham Young *
O. 10 UN-LV *
O. 17 Pacific +
O. 24 Utah
O. 31 San Jose St. +
N. 7 New Mexico St. *
N. 14 Fresno St. +
N. 21 Long Beach St.

Villanova
Villanova, Pa.
(8-3-0)
S. 19 Liberty
S. 26 Mercyhurst +
O. 3 Boston U. +
O. 10 Central Conn.
O. 17 Catholic U. +
O. 24 Northeastern
O. 31 Connecticut
N. 7 Massachusetts +
N. 14 Richmond
N. 21 Holy Cross +

VMI
Lexington, Va.
(1-10-0)
S. 12 West Va. Tech +
S. 19 Appalachian St.
S. 26 Wofford +
O. 3 Virginia *
O. 10 Citadel
O. 17 James Madison +
O. 24 Marshall
O. 31 William & Mary @
N. 7 Furman
N. 14 East Tenn. St. +
N. 21 Tenn.-Chatt. +
@ Norfolk, Va.

Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, Va.
(8-2-1)
S. 12 Clemson +
S. 19 Virginia *
S. 26 Syracuse +
O. 3 Navy +
O. 10 South Carolina
O. 17 East Carolina +
O. 24 Tulane *
O. 31 Kentucky
N. 7 West Virginia
N. 14 Miami, Fla.
N. 21 Cincinnati +

Weber State
Ogden, Utah
(3-8-0)
S. 5 Western St. +*
S. 12 Long Beach St.
S. 19 Southern Utah +*
S. 26 Boise St. +*
O. 10 Northern Ariz. +*
O. 17 Montana St.
O. 24 Montana
O. 31 Idaho +
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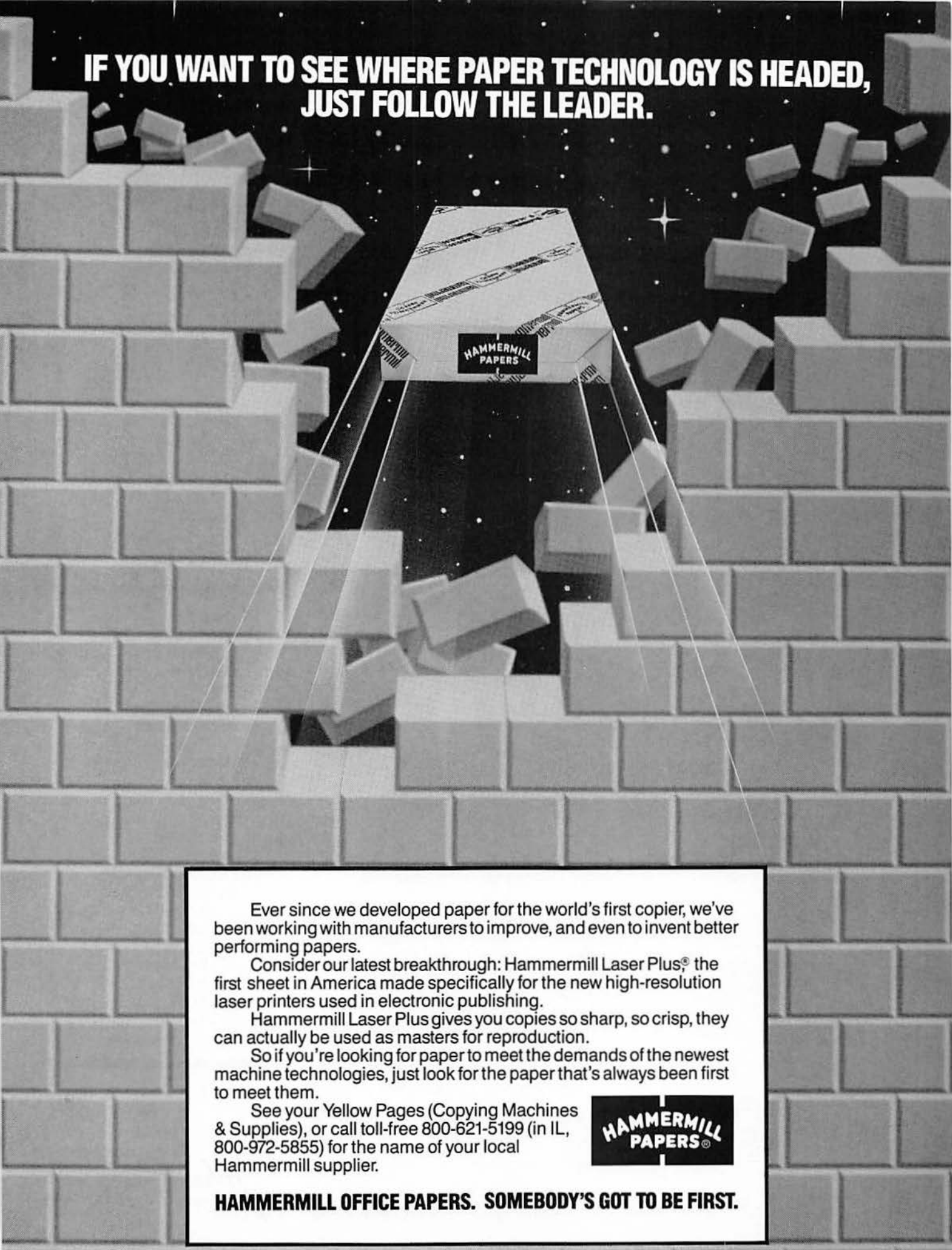
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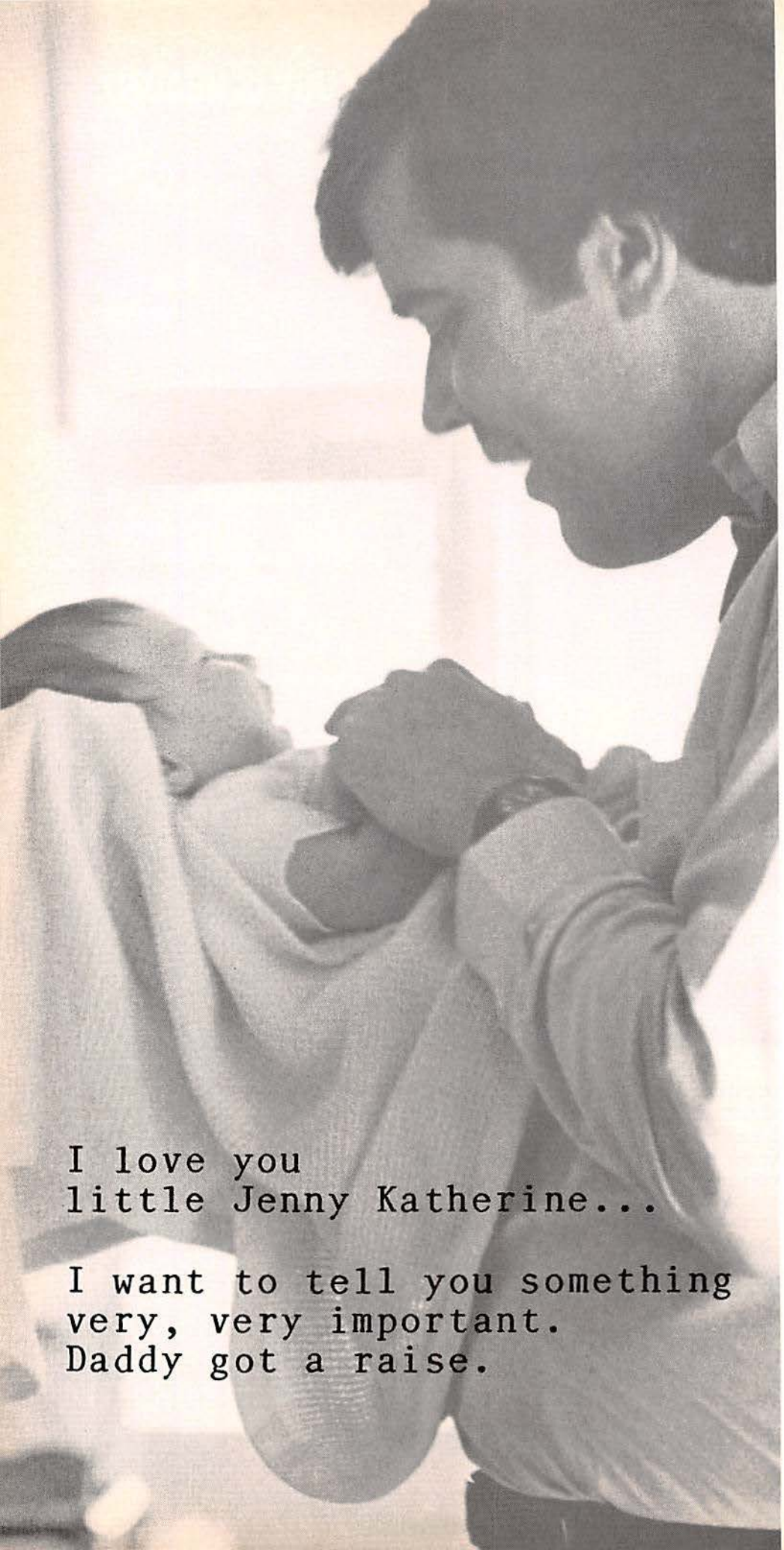
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Nebraska, then changed his mind and signed with Oklahoma.

"We got quality plus quantity this year," Switzer says of the Sooners' invasion of Texas. "Traditionally, football is a regional game. People think there are boundaries, but players do go outside of Texas. Obviously, this is one of our better classes. In fact, in Texas, I'd say Texas A&M was No. 1 and we were No. 2."

Oklahoma couldn't have done much better there, or overall.

Joseph was about the only one of the few who got away.

OKLAHOMA

The Sooners didn't limit their efforts to Texas, of course. They signed the Oklahoma prep Back of the Year, Glen Bell, and the Oklahoma prep Lineman of the Year, Randy Wallace. Bell (5-10, 185) is from Muskogee and Wallace (6-4, 235) is from Midwest City.

Two other running backs, Rod Fisher (6-1, 185) of Lawton MacArthur and Mike Gaddis (6-2, 200) from Midwest City Carl Albert, joined Bell on *The Daily Oklahoman* all-state team. Fisher was the Oklahoma Football Coaches Association Player of the Year.

Gaddis and Bell were members of the Bally All-America team, as were Brauninger and Tyrone Rodgers (6-4, 245), a defensive lineman from Wilmington (Calif.) Banning.

Among the other top in-state players Oklahoma signed are defensive backs Greg DeQuasie (5-11, 180) of Midwest City, Chris Melson (5-11, 180) of Ada and Dalton Young (6-1, 280), a lineman from Sayre.

The Sooners landed linemen Proctor Land (6-5, 230) from Fairfax (Va.) Robinson and Anthony Mitchell (6-7, 297) from Vista, Calif.

Oklahoma signed one junior college recruit: Mark Rice (6-1, 210), a linebacker from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, the national JC champion.

NEBRASKA

Besides Joseph, the Cornhuskers signed prep All-Americans Nate Turner (6-2, 210), wide receiver of Chicago Mount Carmel; Brian Boerboom (6-7, 250), offensive lineman of Colorado Springs (Colo.) Doherty; and Leodis Flowers (5-11, 188), running back from Omaha Central.

Flowers, who played at the high school that produced Gale Sayers, rushed for 1,203 yards in only seven games his senior year. He and George Achola (5-11, 197) of Omaha Creighton Prep are two of the most highly touted running backs Nebraska has ever recruited.

The Cornhuskers went after nine homegrown players and signed eight, including tight end Dan Lohmeier (6-5, 220) of Creighton Prep and linebacker Tim Herman (6-6, 240) of Lincoln Southeast.

Osborne says the in-state haul might be the best since he became coach in 1973.

Nebraska signed what was believed to be its first recruits from Massachusetts: defensive end Mike Croel (6-4, 210) and linebacker Joe Sims (6-4, 230). Both are from Lincoln-Sudbury High School in Sudbury.

The Cornhuskers also signed a pair of junior college recruits from Coffeyville, Kan.: defensive back Tim Jackson (6-0, 190) and fullback Bryan Carpenter (5-10, 195).

COLORADO

The Buffaloes went for quality rather than quantity. Six of their 12 recruits, all high school players, were included on at least one nationally recognized prep All-America team. "I feel good about every single one of these players," Coach Bill McCartney says. "You might say this year's class, because of its size, is handpicked. It's also without a doubt the finest class that we've recruited."

The finest of the fine probably is Alfred Williams (6-6, 230), a defensive lineman from Houston Jesse Jones. Williams was a *USA TODAY* and National High School Coaches All-American. He was one of the top five players in Texas and a two-time district Player of the Year.

Running backs George Hemingway (6-2, 225) and Eric Bieniemy (5-9, 185) received similar national attention as high school seniors. Hemingway, an All-American with 4.55 speed in the 40, rushed for 2,245 yards at Colton, Calif., to rank second nationally. Bieniemy gained over 2,000 yards for La Puente (Calif.) Bishop Amat.

Among Colorado's other top recruits are two from Las Vegas, Nev.: Mike Pritchard (5-11, 175), running back from Rancho High, and Jon Boman (6-4, 225), *USA TODAY* honorable mention All-America linebacker from Chaparral.

OKLAHOMA STATE

The Cowboys lassoed two outstanding high school quarterbacks from Texas: Kenneth Ford and Joe King.

Ford (6-0, 175) of Port Arthur Stephen F. Austin was generally considered the best option quarterback in the state. He runs the 40 in 4.5. He initially committed to Oklahoma but changed his mind after the Sooners indicated they might make him a defensive back.

King (6-3, 180), from Dallas South Oak Cliff High School, was rated the top quarterback in the Dallas area.

Ford and King are so highly regarded by Oklahoma State Coach Pat Jones that Cowboy quarterbacks Ronnie Williams and Rodderick Gaines were moved to different positions in the spring.

Oklahoma State recruited three players from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M's national JC championship team: center John Boisvert (6-3, 245) and defensive backs Steve Hill (6-1, 195) and Steve Jones (6-0, 185).

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Among the other notable newcomers in Stillwater are Brent Parker (6-1, 188), wide receiver from Mission Viejo (Calif.) Capistrano Valley; Rueben Oliver (6-1, 237), linebacker from New Orleans Cohen; and linemen Brandon Colbert (6-3, 245) of El Reno, Okla., and Jeffery Stephens (6-5, 225) from Dallas W.W. Samuell.

KANSAS

Jayhawk Coach Bob Valesente signed 25 players to letters of intent, 24 of them out of high school.

Tim Adams (6-5, 260), a defensive tackle, transferred from Dodge City (Kan.) Community College and is expected to contribute immediately.

Kansas' incoming freshman class includes three in-state quarterbacks: Lance Flachsbarth of Lawrence, Kyle Schenker of Oswego and Kevin Verdugo from Pittsburg.

Flachsbarth (6-5, 210) is the most publicized, earning all-state honors and passing for 1,026 yards and 14 touchdowns to lead Lawrence High to the Kansas 6A championship.

Schenker (6-5, 220) passed for 3,854 yards and 33 touchdowns during his three-year high school career.

Wolf Blaser (6-5, 250), all-state tight end from Topeka West, will offer a big target for Jayhawks quarterbacks.

Among 11 in-state newcomers are Tony Barker (6-4, 240), all-state linebacker from Wichita Northwest, and Frank Hatchett (5-10, 185), tailback from El Dorado.

One of the Jayhawks' recruiting goals was to attract the best players available in the state. "I'm satisfied we achieved that goal," Valesente says.

KANSAS STATE

The Wildcats dipped into the junior college ranks in hopes of finding immediate help, particularly on offense. Kansas State ranked 101st in the nation (out of 105) in both total offense and scoring offense last season.

Coach Stan Parrish brought in 11 junior college transfers prior to the February letter-of intent signing date and seven more when his freshman recruits were announced. Perhaps the most notable of the high school players Parrish signed were quarterback Paul Watson from Park Hill, Mo., and running back Antoine Dulan from Topeka Washburn Rural.

Watson (6-2, 180), who picked the Wildcats over Florida State, completed 101 of 186 passes for 1,422 yards and 14 touchdowns as a senior. In three prep seasons, he passed for more than 5,000 yards and 52 touchdowns.

Dulan (6-2, 170) rushed for 1,559 yards and 18 touchdowns last fall. However, he may not be eligible under the restrictions of the NCAA's Proposal 48.

Among the transfers is Gary Swim (6-3, 195), a quarterback from Snow (Utah) Junior College who passed for some 1,600 yards in only eight games last season.

Offensive linemen Alan Schwartz (6-5, 250) of Garden City (Kan.) Community College and Paul Yniguez (6-4, 250) and Russ Stange (6-6, 235) from Fullerton (Calif.) JC could be starters.

MISSOURI

The Tigers' switch to the wishbone led to a recruiting class laden with offensive backs and big linemen.

Of their 25 announced letter-of-intent signings, all high school players primarily from in-state, 11 were listed as offensive backs.

Skip Leach (5-9, 165) was one of three quarterbacks. Leach, who runs a 4.6 40, directed a wishbone attack at Louisville (Ky.) Male.

Terry Boykin (5-10, 190), fullback from St. Petersburg, Fla., rushed for 957 yards and 10 touchdowns and is considered a top prospect. So is running back Charles Quint (5-11,180), two-time Class 4A all-stater from Marshall, Mo.

Quint, who set a Show-Me Bowl record by rushing for 216 yards, gained 2,170 yards for the season.

Another Missourian, Sean Moore (5-10, 190), used his 4.5 speed in the 40 to rush for more than 1,900 yards as a senior at Springfield Central. He was a *USA TODAY* honorable mention All-American.

Tiger Coach Woody Widenhofer recruited three players from Kansas City (Kan.) Wyandotte: Andy Taylor (6-4, 210), tight end/defensive lineman; quarterback Corey Welch (6-2, 185); and fullback Anthony Williams (6-1, 225).

IOWA STATE

New Cyclone Coach Jim Walden picked up 13 recruits on letter-of-intent signing day, 10 of them high school players. "The best way to describe our class is to say that we've got a start," Walden says. "We did the best we could, given a month to do a year's work."

Eight were defensive players, four linemen and four backs. The linemen included Larry Ratigan (6-4, 210) of Council Bluffs (Iowa) St. Alberts and Matt Rehberg (6-5, 220) from Omaha High. Both earned honorable mention on the *USA TODAY* All-America team.

Ratigan was credited with 106 tackles in seven games as a senior. He also blocked six punts, recovered three fumbles and intercepted two passes.

Walden is looking for immediate help from transfers Ray Carreathers (6-2, 180), defensive back from Iowa Central CC; Rich Moore (6-4, 265), center from Durham (Calif.) Butte JC; and defensive back Lopez Williams (5-10, 180) from Citrus JC in Glendora, Calif.

Iowa State's freshman class will include one scholarship quarterback, John Glotfelty (6-0, 175). He passed for 1,284 yards and rushed for 450 yards as a senior at Ames.

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lives in a competitive environment. An SMU alumnus, for example, might live next door to an Arkansas alumnus, with an Aggie across the street and three Longhorns between him and the corner.

He walks out of his house to pick up the paper and a voice from the porch next door cackles, "We whupped y'all Sattiday. When y'all gonna get a decent team, anyway?"

"It's a unique situation," says Baylor Coach Grant Teaff, a native Texan. "On any given day, there can be alums from all nine SWC schools walking down the same street in downtown Dallas."

And each wants to walk with the confidence, the pride, even the arrogance, of the whupper, not the whuppee.

"You don't see that anywhere else," says Teaff. "Everyone is fighting for bragging rights and bragging rights are important in Texas."

The simple formula: The school that gets the best athletes usually gets bragging rights. It's a miracle that there are no fatalities in the recruiting dogfights in Texas.

In the harmless era before some recruiters began throwing around fancy cars and other enticements, it wasn't unusual for a coach to spend the night in his car parked in front of a kid's house, a sentry guarding the jeweled key to the kingdom. Often there were tales of coaches spiriting away recruits a day or two before the sign-up date and hiding them in a secret motel.

From whence springs this eternal fountain of talent? There are 1,040 high schools in Texas that field football teams. Many have excellent coaches.

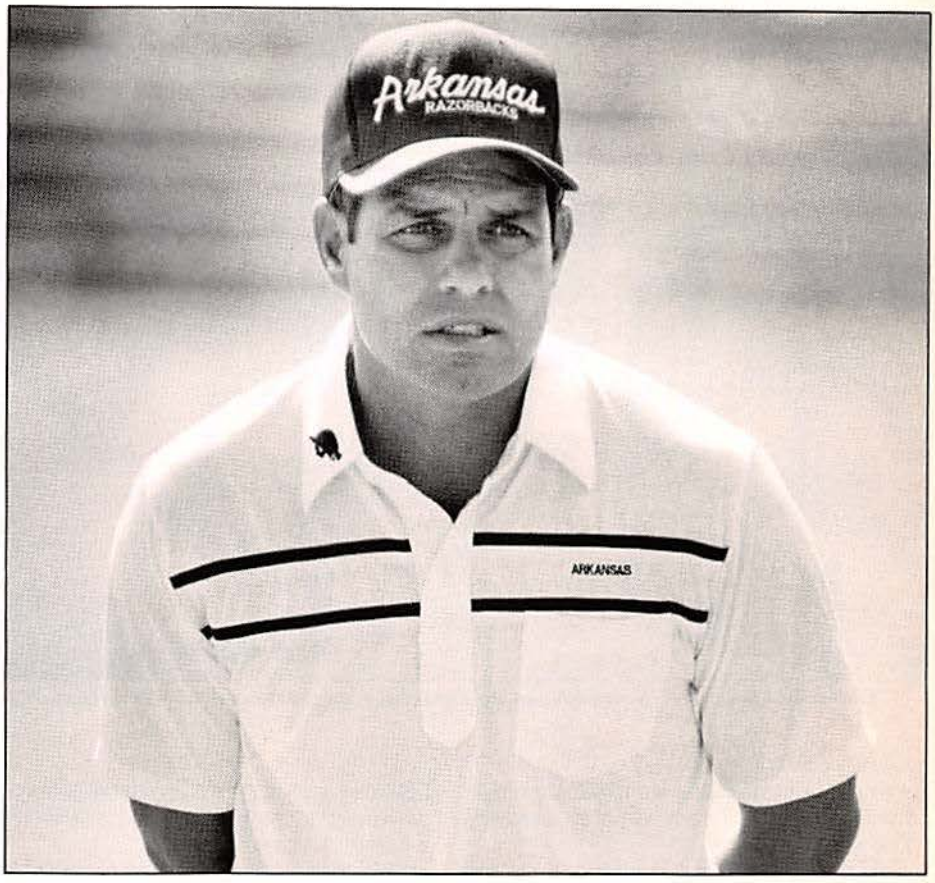
"They turn out players who are often close to finished products," says Arizona State Coach John Cooper. "Texas players know how to work, how to practice, how to play. Everybody in the country is trying to make inroads in Texas these days."

The great migration begins in December. Nebraska stations two full-time recruiters in Texas. Cooper's staff makes regular recruiting forays into the Lone Star State. Most SWC schools will station one and often two recruiting assistant coaches in the Houston area.

"It's getting crazy," says Dwain Painter, former Texas assistant. "Last year, for example, there were schools recruiting in Texas who had never been there—schools from the Pac-10, the Big Ten, the Southeast. Everyone was there in force."

Texas' new recruiting coordinator, James Blackwood, agrees. "There's not another situation like this anywhere," he says. "We're all going after the same player, and it isn't just the schools in the SWC. So are Oklahoma, Nebraska, LSU and a bunch of others. To be successful in the Southwest Conference, you have to hold your own in Texas recruiting."

In the 1960s, Texas recruiting was dominated by the University of Texas and Arkansas. "That was when Texas could take as many players as it wanted," says Blackwood, "and the best players were going to Texas. But it isn't like that anymore. Not every kid in the state grows up dreaming of playing at Texas. Scholarship limits have changed things."



Arkansas Coach Ken Hatfield says overzealousness can cause trouble.

The other SWC schools have become more competitive. They've given their alumni a taste of bragging rights. The alumni want more. Everyone tries to keep up with the alumnus next door.

The temptation is there. Until SMU got the death penalty, the risk of cheating seemed worth taking. And if it was worth it to the next-door neighbor's school, why not take it yourself, for your school?

"Those are all fine institutions down there," says Penn State Coach Joe Paterno, a highly visible symbol of honesty in the college game, "but some of them got caught up in the 'everybody's doing it' mentality, and they just lost their way for a while."

The biggest annoyance to Teaff is the tarred-brush mentality: SMU recruited illegally, so every SWC coach must be doing the same.

"Anyone who thinks that way is wrong," Teaff says. "I've been coaching long enough to be able to assure you that everyone doesn't cheat. I'm not going to say that rules aren't unintentionally broken, but widespread cheating . . . it's something that just doesn't happen."

"It's not just this conference," says Arkansas Coach Ken Hatfield. "Look around the nation. Other conferences have had problems. The thing is, our conference has had things happen year after year. That's what seems to make it monumental."

Year after year. Investigation after investigation. Why, Ken? Why?

"Unless you've lived in Texas and around the SWC, you can't understand how much football means to everyone," Hatfield says. "When you have that much zeal, you've got to walk a fine line and not overdo it. When you get to the point where you've got to win, to where you've bet your house on the game, then you've let the sport get out of hand."

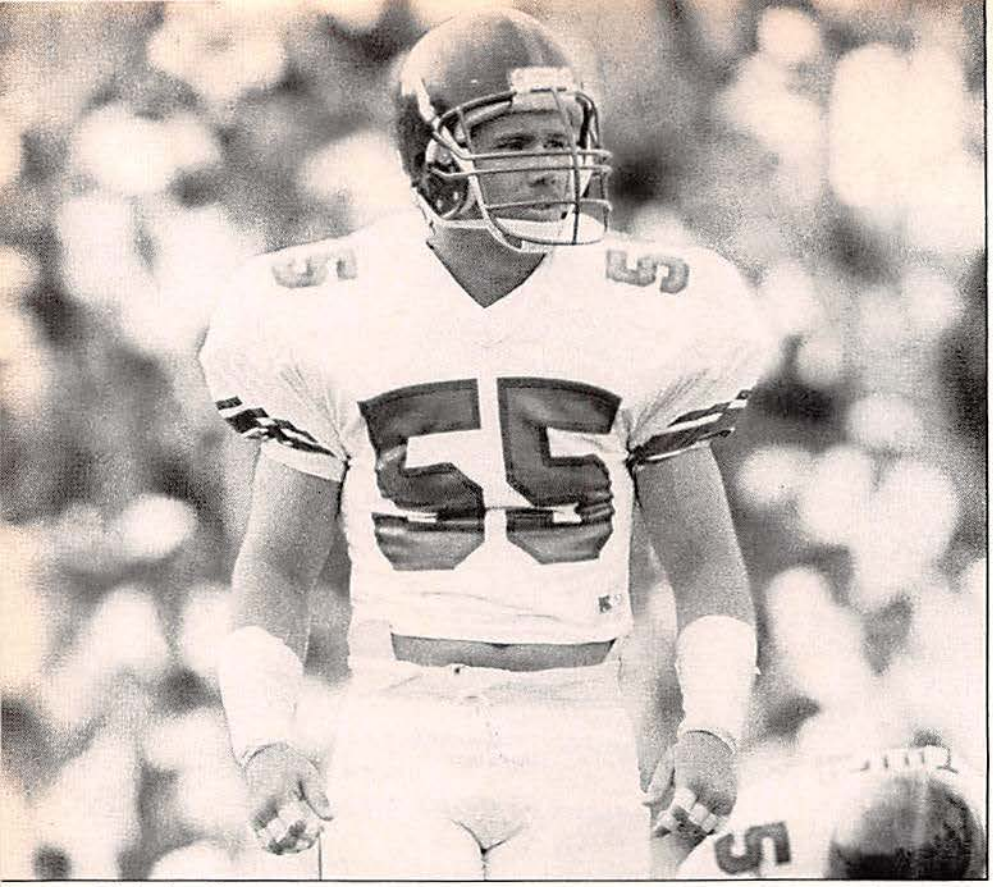
It finally got out of hand at SMU—all the way out. Hatfield estimates it will take SMU eight to 10 years to become competitive again.

Considering the severity of the SMU penalty, is it possible that things might still get out of hand in other places in other times?

"Just like the death penalty in crime, there will always be murder," says Rudy Davalos, Houston athletic director. "I don't look for this to have an earth-shattering effect on college athletics."

Meanwhile, the recruiting dogfight goes on in Texas. A cleaner dogfight, one hopes.

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Linebacker Chris Moore, a preseason All-Big Eight choice, topped the conference in tackles in '86.

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maximum grants) in a I-A league. This is nearly the death penalty. I'm looking at four years of Division I-AA numbers."

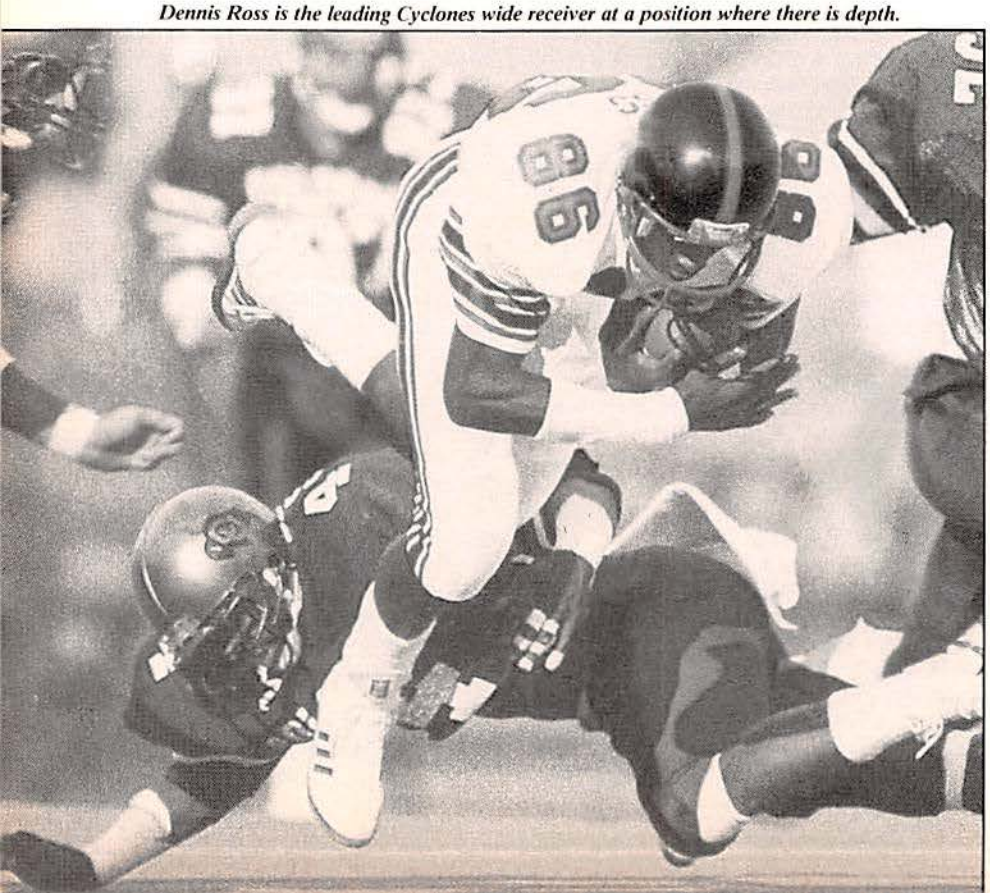
Because of his limited numbers, Walden doesn't plan to redshirt any players this season.

"Not a soul," he says. "No, we couldn't possibly redshirt. We wouldn't have enough to make a trip. It'll be the same next year. In fact, it will take six years to get to 90."

He hopes walk-ons will bolster the squad.

Walden, 49, got the Iowa State job on Dec. 16 after nine years and a 44-52-4 record at Washington State. He inherits a Cyclone team that posted a 6-5 mark amidst all the controversy that swirled around the program during Criner's final days and led to his dismissal two weeks before the season's end.

Dennis Ross is the leading Cyclones wide receiver at a position where there is depth.



Only eight 1986 starters return, four each on offense and defense.

Walden can anchor the offensive line around junior Keith Sims (6-3, 292), a two-year starter at tackle. Otherwise, a rebuilding job is required upfront.

Fullback Joe Henderson gained 436 yards in '86, but the Cyclones' average of 114.5 yards rushing per game needs improvement.

Iowa State's depth on offense is in the receivers. Four of the top five wide receivers and the three best tight ends return. Senior Tom Schulting (16 catches for 234 yards) started at flanker and senior Tom Stawniak (6-5, 249) earned high marks as a blocker at tight end. Dennis Ross (23 catches for 312 yards) and Eddie Bridges (15 for 330) had productive years at wide receiver.

On defense, the linebacker corps appears to be the most stable. There are holes to fill at tackle and in the secondary.

Senior Chris Moore (6-2, 224) led the Big Eight in tackles last season. Sophomore Darrin Trieb (6-2, 210) performed well. Randy Richards (6-3, 234), a starting linebacker two years ago, was granted an extra year of eligibility after missing what would have been his fifth season in '86 because of a back injury. If Richards is healthy, the Cyclones could be solid at linebacker.

Seniors Scott Benson (6-3, 246) and Robert Dabney (6-4, 220) helped at defensive end.

Walden must find a kicker to replace Rick Frank, an effective punter (42.2-yard average) and placekicker (11 of 17 field-goal attempts).

Walden, who played for Devaney at Wyoming and later worked for him at Nebraska, goes against both schools this fall. Walden has tremendous respect for his mentor, whose 1970-71 teams won consecutive national championships at Nebraska.

"Much of all I do I learned from Bob Devaney," says Walden. "A great deal of what I believe in I observed him doing. To me, he's a unique individual, like no one I've ever known. He's a fun-loving guy, witty and a fierce competitor. He'd compete with a guy that passed him on the interstate.

"He was my coach, so there's a little hero worship. I was comfortable with him. We were successful. He represented everything good in football coaching.

"'Do it my way and we'll win,' Coach Devaney would say. We did it his way and we won. I'm still half-scared of him.

"He'll be mad the first day we even think of beating Nebraska. I know that part of him isn't going to change."

Iowa State fans hope Walden makes Devaney and Nebraska mad real soon.

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"I'm a disc jockey at parties. I rap, I scratch," he says, referring to current musical practices. "Everybody expects that because I'm from New York. But I like all kinds of music."

Well, just about all kinds.

Not long ago, Jordan walked into a country and western bar. "Everybody stopped and looked," he says. "I thought, 'I'm in the wrong place here.' "

He believes the time is right for Kansas State, though. "I really think it's going to be a good season," he says. "We're starting to believe we can win. I don't know how many games we'll win this year, but we're going to go out and compete."

Parrish plans to use more of an I-formation offense, with Jordan as the primary ball carrier. But Air Parrish still figures to fly, of course.

Senior wide receivers Dan Hughes and Todd Elder return. Hughes was the team's leading receiver with 28 catches for 413 yards and two touchdowns. Elder caught 16 passes for 250 yards. Senior Kent Dean (6-4, 225) probably will be the No. 1 tight end.

The big question on offense is quarterback. Randy Williams, the starter most of last season, went home to Jacksonville, Fla., after the Iowa State game and isn't expected to return.

Tim Hanson, his replacement, played in seven games, completing 18 of 43 passes for 268 yards and one touchdown. He was intercepted five times.

Gary Swim, who passed for 1,600 yards in eight games at Snow (Utah) Junior College last season, was brought in to be the starter.

Other possibilities at quarterback are redshirt freshmen Chris Cobb and Carl Straw. Paul Watson, a true freshman who was heavily recruited out of high school in Park Hill, Mo., could be redshirted. Kansas State won him in a battle with Florida State. Watson passed for 5,000 yards and 52 touchdowns during a three-year high school career.

Senior Ray Wilson, who rushed for 254 yards last season, figures to begin the fall as the No. 1 fullback.

Kansas State went to the junior college ranks to bolster its offensive line. Alan Schwartz (6-5, 250) from Garden City (Kan.) Community College and Paul Yniguez (6-4, 250) and Russ Stange (6-6, 235) from Fullerton (Calif.) JC are among the transfers who should be ready to contribute immediately.

Redshirt freshmen Will McCain (6-4, 255) and Chad Faulkner (6-2, 250) are being counted on upfront, as are veteran starters Matt Garver (6-4, 260), a senior guard, and Rob Goode (6-2, 230), a junior center.

Junior Mark Wentzel, a wide receiver, returns to handle punts and kickoffs, his specialty.

Kansas State ranked seventh in the Big Eight in total offense and defense last season.

Linebacker Matt Wallerstedt, a 5-10, 215-pound senior starter, led the Wildcats in tackles with 86 (22 solo) and five passes broken up.

Sophomore starter Dewayne Baziel (6-3, 200), who had 63 tackles as an inside linebacker, was moved to the outside during spring practice, joining senior starter Grady Newton (6-1, 230), a three-year letterman.

Senior nose guard Tim MacDonald (6-3, 235) is back after playing only two games last season because of injury, as is junior starter Jim Oehm (6-2, 235), who made 53 tackles and recovered two fumbles.

The return of Brad Lambert will bolster Kansas State's secondary. The senior played only four games a year ago before being sidelined by an injury. He was second-team All-Big Eight as a freshman.

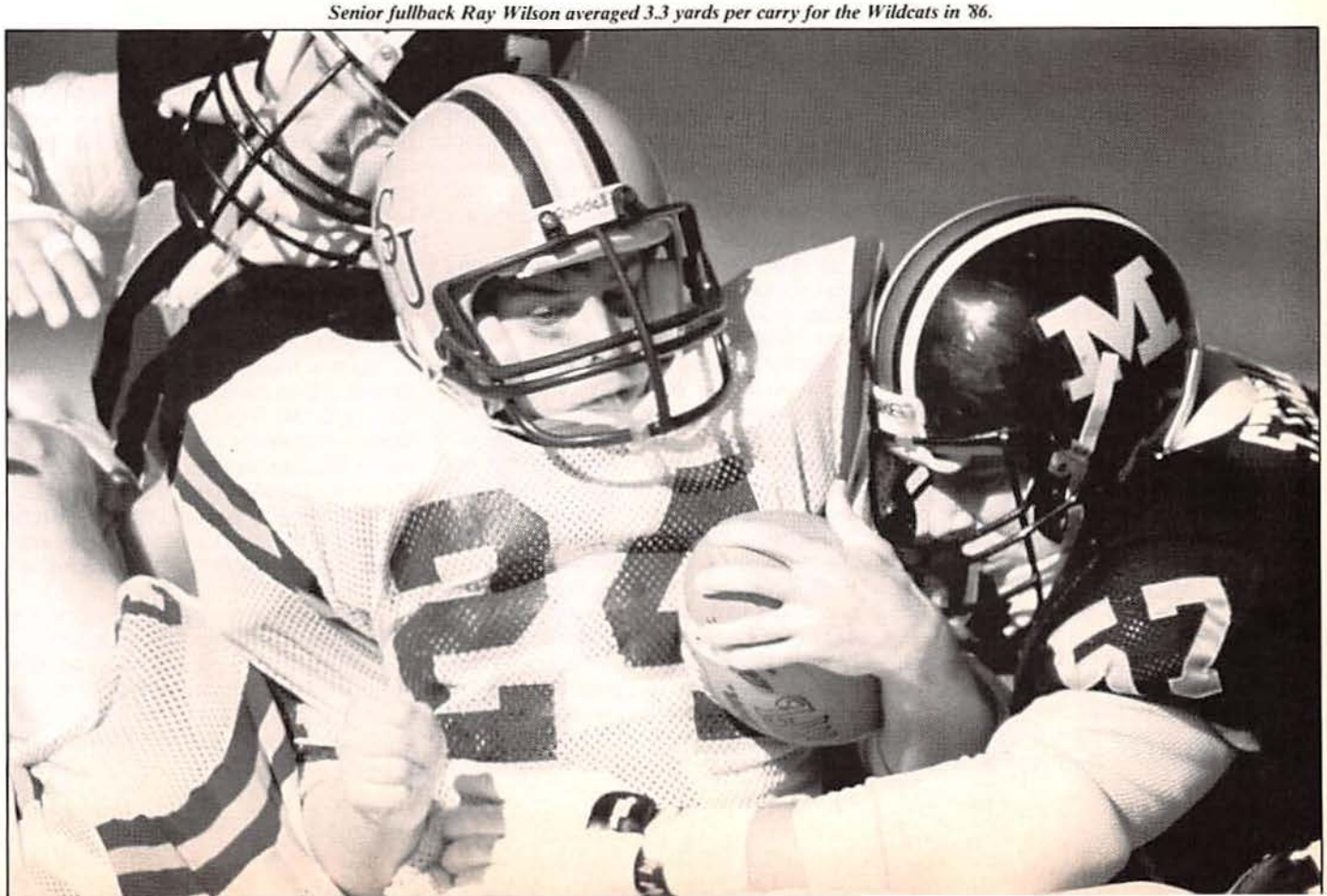
Another defensive backfield standout who was injured last year is junior Rob Easterwood. Easterwood missed three games, but still led the team in interceptions with four.

The Wildcats have other experienced defensive backs in sophomore Chris Smith, senior Willie Halliburton and starter Eric Harper, a converted quarterback. Harper, a redshirt sophomore, had 54 tackles, tops among Kansas State defensive backs, and intercepted three passes.

Kansas State's defense has ample room for improvement. The Wildcats ranked last in the conference and 98th in the nation in scoring defense, allowing more than 31.2 points per game.

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Senior fullback Ray Wilson averaged 3.3 yards per carry for the Wildcats in '86.



(Big Eight Blue Chippers continued)

Hotfelder, who maintains Johnson is better than former Hazelwood Central All-America lineman Michael Scott, says, "Mario could play any position on our team except quarterback. And he can throw the ball 70 yards."

Other Missouri players bound to draw national recruiting attention are defensive end Larry McDaniel (6-2, 190) and wide receiver Paul Bland (6-1, 185) of St. Louis Hazelwood East, strong safety Pat Ryan (6-2, 195) and tight end Jason Tyrer (6-3, 200) of Kansas City Rockhurst, and defensive end Lonnie Palelie (6-4, 240) of Blue Springs.

All the blue-chip talent isn't limited to Missouri, however.

University of Nebraska coaches will have to fight off recruiters from all over the country hoping to entice lineman Dave Jensen (6-5, 260) of Class A champion Creighton Prep to leave the Cornhusker state.

Veteran Creighton Prep Coach Tom Jaworski, one of the state's most successful, says, "Jensen is going to rank up there with the better defensive linemen we've had. He's a big, strong, aggressive kid, a terrific player."

College football scouts will also be after Omaha Northwest running back Lance Frazier (6-0, 190). Although he missed several games with injuries in '86, Frazier rushed for 870 yards as a junior to firmly establish himself as "the best running back in Nebraska and the country," according to one recruiting coordinator.

Several experts have compared Frazier to Flowers, the Omaha Central All-American who signed with Nebraska after an intense recruiting battle between the Cornhuskers and Oklahoma.

Omaha Northwest Coach Frank Hanel, however, says it's too early to put Frazier in Flowers' class.

"Lance hasn't proved himself yet the way Leodis did," Hanel says. "Leodis had more speed, but Frazier is fast enough (4.7), and he has great ability to read his blockers and the defense. He's excellent at cutting back."

Other standout Nebraska players: linebacker Jeremy Pochop (6-2, 235) of Battle Creek, lineman Kevin Ramaikers (6-4, 265) of Norfolk Catholic, defensive back Bruce Martens (5-11, 185) of Fremont and nose guard Creighton Fleming (6-1, 225) of Omaha Millard North.

In Colorado, Denver's tradition-rich Mullen Prep placed two players on the Big Eight's Elite Eleven: running back/linebacker David Arterberry (6-2, 205) and quarterback Jerry Dunn (6-2, 190).

Arterberry, a 24-foot long jumper in track, rushed for 1,270 yards as a junior and scored 14 touchdowns. In one game he scored 34 of his team's 48 points.

"Once he gets past the line of scrimmage, he usually lights up the scoreboard," Mullen Coach Pete Levine says.

Levine thinks Arterberry's football future might be on defense. A linebacker with 4.6 speed in the 40, Arterberry reminds Levine of former Oklahoma All-America defensive end Kevin Murphy.

"When he moves in for the tackle, he has great closing speed like Murphy had," says Levine. "He can play a bunch of places and he's still growing."

Dunn, who passed for 2,506 yards and 20 touchdowns, is being courted by big-time schools that like to throw. But as impressive as he is on the field, Dunn is even better in the classroom, earning a 4.16 grade-point average at a 4.0 school. (He earned extra points for honors classes.)

"The state of Oklahoma is loaded with talent. . . . but you start with Shawn Davis when you talk about the best." A third Oklahoman on the Elite Eleven is linebacker Meech Shaw (6-3, 215) of Ponca City.

"He has an astounding grade-point average as well as those great stats," Levine says. "I wouldn't be surprised if he ended up in the Ivy League. And he's an all-American kid. He looks like he just came off a Wheaties box."

Nose guard Jarrod Nelson (6-2, 260) of Fort Lupton is another Colorado player who's ready for the big time. A two-time state wrestling champion in the heavyweight division, Nelson will be the state's No. 1 line prospect.

Coaches from the three Division I-A football schools in Oklahoma, along with recruiters from the rest of the country, should spend a lot of time in Tulsa this season.

Booker T. Washington High School, Tulsa's main football pipeline for years, has another major prospect in defensive back/running back Rickey Blocker (5-10, 180).

Blocker's play was restricted almost entirely to the secondary when he was a junior because Washington had Brooks, the prep All-American who signed with Notre Dame.

But Blocker's time to carry the ball has come, according to Washington Coach Larry McGee, who compares Blocker's ability to that of former Washington star Patrick Collins, starting halfback for Oklahoma.

"Rickey's not as big as Tony Brooks, but he's faster (4.4) and he has more moves," McGee says. "He's already demonstrated that he's capable of greatness on defense, and we think he has the qualities to be a great running back."

Another Tulsa standout on the Big Eight's Elite Eleven is McLain wide receiver Shawn Davis (6-0, 175). As a junior, Davis had 59 receptions for 789 yards and eight touchdowns, including six catches for 100 yards and two TDs to lead McLain to the 4A state championship.

"The state of Oklahoma is loaded with talent," says one recruiter, "but you start with Shawn Davis when you talk about the best."

A third Oklahoman on the Elite Eleven is linebacker Meech Shaw (6-3, 215) of Ponca City.

Shaw, who runs a 4.6 40 and bench-presses 330 pounds, made 131 tackles as a sophomore. He had 104 during his junior season despite missing some action because of injuries.

"We had four fumbles returned for touchdowns last year," Ponca City Coach Rusty Benson says. "Meech knocked the ball loose on three of those fumbles. He just has a knack for making the big plays."

Other Oklahoma players to watch are Tulsa Washington middle guard David Brooks (6-3, 230), Ponca City quarterback Tink Collins (5-10, 175), Owasso linebacker Toby Tillman (6-2, 220), Edmond Memorial lineman Trevor Williams (6-3, 240) and defensive tackle Mike Filsom (6-5, 265).

Kansas will feature one of the Midwest's best running backs: Jeff Simoneau (6-2, 205) of Smith Center. Last year, Simoneau set a school record when he rushed for 2,092 yards and scored 21 touchdowns to pace Smith Center to a perfect 13-0 season and the 3A state title.

"He's big, fast (4.6), strong and tough," says Smith Center Coach Roger Barta. "People from all over the nation are looking at him."

Simoneau's teammate and Barta's son, Brooks (6-2, 195), is also a Division I-A prospect as either a fullback or linebacker. Brooks rushed for 1,416 yards and compiled 139 tackles and three interceptions.

Other Kansas players to keep an eye on are linebacker Matt Gee (6-4, 225) of Arkansas City, quarterback Matt Garber (6-3, 175) of Sabetha, wide receiver Darryl Morgan (6-3, 185) of Kansas City Wyandotte and tight end Evan Doran (6-5, 200) of Garnett.

The final member of the Big Eight's Elite Eleven is Iowa lineman Ladd Wessels (6-5, 225) of Cedar Rapids LaSalle. A four-year starter in football and an outstanding basketball player, Wessels plays tackle on both sides of the ball for LaSalle Coach T.J. Stecklein.

"He's probably better suited for defense, because he's an aggressive kid who's mentally tough," Stecklein says. "Ladd's the best athlete I've coached."

Other Iowa players sure to make most recruiters' lists are lineman Chris Stogdill (6-3, 250) of Charles City, running back Lou Montgomery (6-0, 190) of Waterloo East, linebacker Kevin Puk (6-3, 195) of Cedar Rapids Washington and lineman Todd McClish (6-5, 265) of Urbandale.

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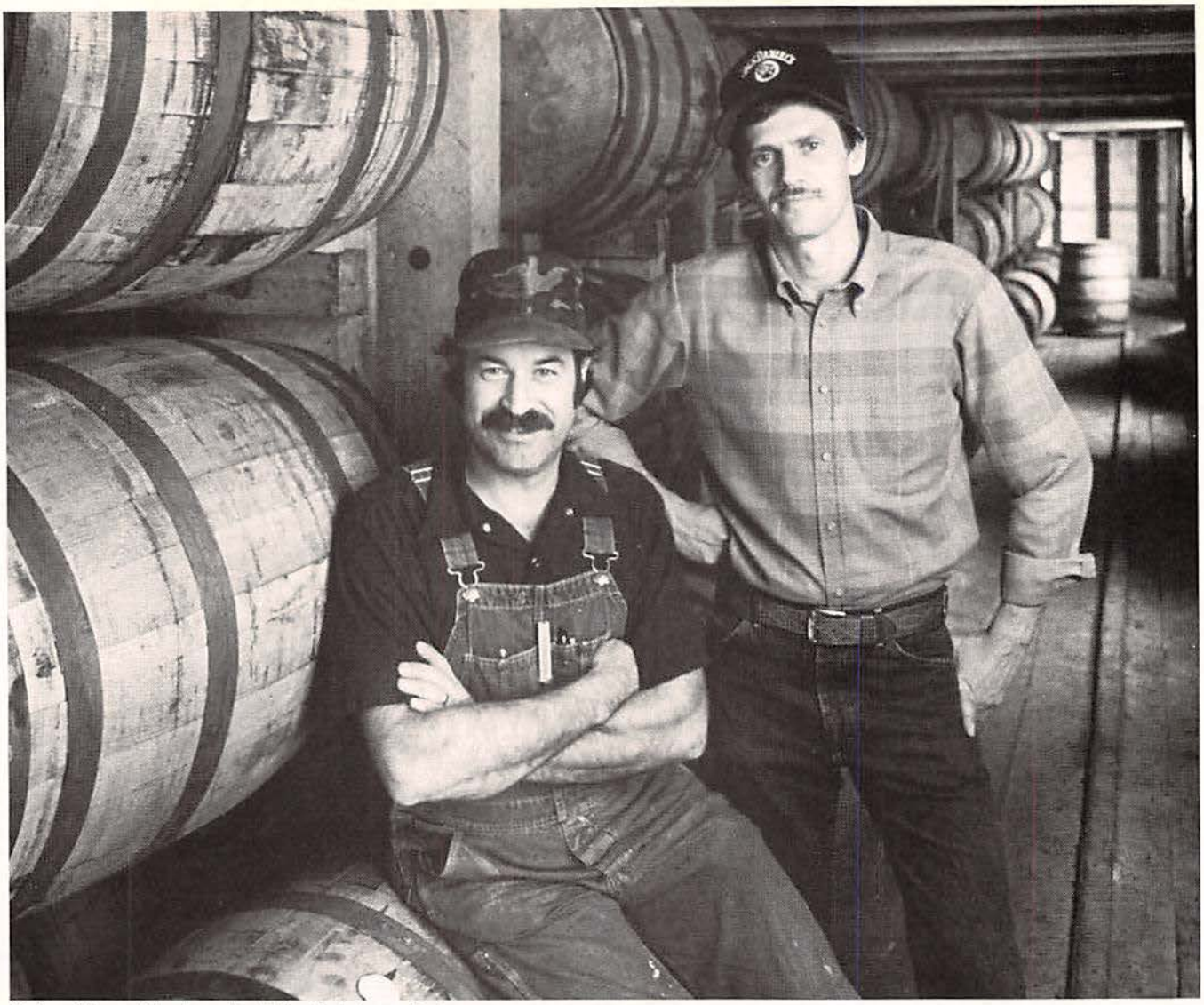
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AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

EAST

Buffalo Bills
S. 13 NEW YORK JETS–1:00
S. 20 HOUSTON–1:00
S. 27 at Dallas–12:00
O. 4 INDIANAPOLIS–1:00
O.11 at New England–1:00
O.18 NEW YORK GIANTS–4:00
O.25 at Miami–1:00
N. 1 WASHINGTON–1:00
N. 8 DENVER–1:00
N. 15 at Cleveland–1:00
N. 22 at New York Jets–1:00
N. 29 MIAMI–1:00
D. 6 at L.A. Raiders–1:00
D. 13 at Indianapolis–1:00
D. 20 NEW ENGLAND–1:00
D. 27 at Philadelphia–1:00

Indianapolis Colts
S. 13 CINCINNATI–12:00
S. 20 MIAMI–12:00
S. 27 at St. Louis–12:00
O. 4 at Buffalo–1:00
O.11 NEW YORK JETS–12:00
O.18 at Pittsburgh–1:00
O.25 NEW ENGLAND–1:00
N. 1 at New York Jets–1:00
N. 8 SAN DIEGO–1:00
N. 15 at Miami–1:00
N. 22 at New England–1:00
N. 29 HOUSTON–1:00
D. 6 at Cleveland–1:00
D. 13 BUFFALO–1:00
D. 20 at San Diego–1:00
D. 27 TAMPA BAY–1:00

Miami Dolphins
S. 13 at New England–1:00
S. 20 at Indianapolis–12:00
S. 27 NEW YORK GIANTS–1:00
O. 4 at Seattle–1:00
O.11 KANSAS CITY–1:00
O.18 at New York Jets–1:00
O.25 BUFFALO–1:00
N. 1 PITTSBURGH–1:00
N. 8 at Cincinnati–4:00
N. 15 INDIANAPOLIS–1:00
N. 22 at Dallas (night)–7:00
N. 29 at Buffalo–1:00
D. 7 N.Y. JETS (Mon.)–9:00
D. 13 at Philadelphia–1:00
D. 20 WASH. (night)–8:00
D. 28 NEW ENG. (Mon.)–9:00

New England Patriots
S. 13 MIAMI–1:00
S. 21 at N.Y. Jets (Mon.)–9:00
S. 27 at Washington–1:00
O. 4 CLEVELAND–1:00
O.11 BUFFALO–1:00
O.18 at Houston–12:00
O.25 at Indianapolis–1:00
N. 1 L.A. RAIDERS–1:00
N. 8 at N.Y. Giants (night)–8:00
N. 15 DALLAS–1:00
N. 22 INDIANAPOLIS–1:00
N. 29 PHILADELPHIA–1:00
D. 6 at Denver–2:00
D. 13 NEW YORK JETS–1:00
D. 20 at Buffalo–1:00
D. 28 at Miami (Mon.)–9:00

New York Jets
S. 13 at Buffalo–1:00
S. 21 NEW ENG. (Mon.)–9:00
S. 27 at Pittsburgh–4:00
O. 4 DALLAS–4:00
O.11 at Indianapolis–12:00
O.18 MIAMI–1:00
O.25 at Washington–1:00
N. 1 INDIANAPOLIS–1:00
N. 9 SEATTLE (Mon.)–9:00
N. 15 at Kansas City–12:00
N. 22 BUFFALO–1:00
N. 29 CINCINNATI–1:00
D. 7 at Miami (Mon.)–9:00
D. 13 at New England–1:00
D. 20 PHILADELPHIA–1:00
D. 27 at New York Giants–1:00

CENTRAL

Cincinnati Bengals
S. 13 at Indianapolis–12:00
S. 20 SAN FRANCISCO–1:00
S. 27 at Los Angeles Rams–1:00
O. 4 SAN DIEGO–1:00
O.11 at Seattle–1:00
O.18 CLEVELAND–1:00
O.25 at Pittsburgh–1:00
N. 1 HOUSTON–1:00
N. 8 MIAMI–4:00
N. 15 at Atlanta–4:00
N. 22 PITTSBURGH–1:00
N. 29 at New York Jets–1:00
D. 6 KANSAS CITY–1:00
D. 13 at Cleveland–1:00
D. 20 NEW ORLEANS–1:00
D. 27 at Houston–12:00

Cleveland Browns
S. 13 at New Orleans–12:00
S. 20 PITTSBURGH–1:00
S. 28 DENVER (Mon.)–9:00
O. 4 at New England–1:00
O.11 HOUSTON–1:00
O.18 at Cincinnati–1:00
O.26 L.A. RAMS (Mon.)–9:00
N. 1 at San Diego–1:00
N. 8 ATLANTA–1:00
N. 15 BUFFALO–1:00
N. 22 at Houston–12:00
N. 29 at S.F. (night)–5:00
D. 6 INDIANAPOLIS–1:00
D. 13 CINCINNATI–1:00
D. 20 at L.A. Raiders–1:00
D. 26 at Pittsburgh (Sat.)–12:30

Houston Oilers
S. 13 L.A. RAMS–12:00
S. 20 at Buffalo–1:00
S. 27 L.A. RAIDERS–12:00
O. 4 at Denver–2:00
O.11 at Cleveland–1:00
O.18 NEW ENGLAND–12:00
O.25 ATLANTA–12:00
N. 1 at Cincinnati–1:00
N. 8 at San Francisco–1:00
N. 15 at Pittsburgh–1:00
N. 22 CLEVELAND–12:00
N. 29 at Indianapolis–1:00
D. 6 SAN DIEGO–12:00
D. 13 at New Orleans–12:00
D. 20 PITTSBURGH–12:00
D. 27 CINCINNATI–12:00

Pittsburgh Steelers
S. 13 SAN FRANCISCO–1:00
S. 20 at Cleveland–1:00
S. 27 NEW YORK JETS–4:00
O. 4 at Atlanta–1:00
O.11 at Los Angeles Rams–1:00
O.18 INDIANAPOLIS–1:00
O.25 CINCINNATI–1:00
N. 1 at Miami–1:00
N. 8 at Kansas City–12:00
N. 15 HOUSTON–1:00
N. 22 at Cincinnati–1:00
N. 29 NEW ORLEANS–1:00
D. 6 SEATTLE–1:00
D. 13 at San Diego–1:00
D. 20 at Houston–12:00
D. 26 CLEVELAND (Sat.)–12:30

WEST

Denver Broncos
S. 13 SEATTLE–2:00
S. 20 vs. G.B. at Milw.–12:00
S. 28 at Cleveland (Mon.)–9:00
O. 4 HOUSTON–2:00
O.12 L.A. RAIDERS (Mon.)–7:00
O.18 at Kansas City–3:00
O.25 at Minnesota–12:00
N. 1 DETROIT–2:00
N. 8 at Buffalo–1:00
N. 16 CHICAGO (Mon.)–7:00
N. 22 at L.A. Raiders–1:00
N. 29 at San Diego–1:00
D. 6 NEW ENGLAND–2:00
D. 13 at Seattle (night)–5:00
D. 19 KANSAS CITY (Sat.)–2:00
D. 27 SAN DIEGO–2:00

Kansas City Chiefs
S. 13 SAN DIEGO–12:00
S. 20 at Seattle–1:00
S. 27 MINNESOTA–12:00
O. 4 at L.A. Raiders–1:00
O.11 at Miami–1:00
O.18 DENVER–3:00
O.25 at San Diego–1:00
N. 1 at Chicago–12:00
N. 8 PITTSBURGH–12:00
N. 15 NEW YORK JETS–12:00
N. 22 GREEN BAY–12:00
N. 26 at Detroit (Thanks.)–12:30
D. 6 at Cincinnati–1:00
D. 13 L.A. RAIDERS–3:00
D. 19 at Denver (Sat.)–2:00
D. 27 SEATTLE–12:00

Los Angeles Raiders
S. 13 at Green Bay–3:00
S. 20 DETROIT—1:00
S. 27 at Houston–12:00
O. 4 KANSAS CITY–1:00
O.12 at Denver (Mon.)–7:00
O.18 SAN DIEGO–1:00
O.25 SEATTLE–1:00
N. 1 at New England–1:00
N. 8 at Minnesota–12:00
N. 15 at San Diego (night)–5:00
N. 22 DENVER–1:00
N. 30 at Seattle (Mon.)–6:00
D. 6 BUFFALO–1:00
D. 13 at Kansas City–3:00
D. 20 CLEVELAND–1:00
D. 27 CHICAGO–1:00

San Diego Chargers
S. 13 at Kansas City–12:00
S. 20 ST. LOUIS–1:00
S. 27 SEATTLE–1:00
O. 4 at Cincinnati–1:00
O.11 at Tampa Bay–1:00
O.18 at L.A. Raiders–1:00
O.25 KANSAS CITY–1:00
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N. 8 at Indianapolis–1:00
N. 15 L.A. RAIDERS (night)–5:00
N. 22 at Seattle–1:00
N. 29 DENVER–1:00
D. 6 at Houston–12:00
D. 13 PITTSBURGH–1:00
D. 20 INDIANAPOLIS–1:00
D. 27 at Denver–2:00

Seattle Seahawks
S. 13 at Denver–2:00
S. 20 KANSAS CITY–1:00
S. 27 at San Diego–1:00
O. 4 MIAMI–1:00
O.11 CINCINNATI–1:00
O.18 at Detroit–1:00
O.25 at L.A. Raiders–1:00
N. 1 MINNESOTA–1:00
N. 9 at N.Y. Jets (Mon.)–9:00
N. 15 GREEN BAY–1:00
N. 22 SAN DIEGO–1:00
N. 30 L.A. RAIDERS (Mon.)–6:00
D. 6 at Pittsburgh–1:00
D. 13 DENVER (night)–5:00
D. 20 at Chicago–12:00
D. 27 at Kansas City–12:00

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

EAST

Dallas Cowboys
S. 13 at St. Louis–12:00
S. 20 at New York Giants–4:00
S. 27 BUFFALO–12:00
O. 4 at New York Jets–4:00
O.11 PHILADELPHIA–12:00
O.19 WASH. (Mon.)–8:00
O.25 at Philadelphia–1:00
N. 2 N.Y. GIANTS (Mon.)–8:00
N. 8 at Detroit–1:00
N. 15 at New England–1:00
N. 22 MIAMI (night)–7:00
N. 26 MINN. (Thanks.)–3:00
D. 6 ATLANTA–12:00
D. 13 at Washington–1:00
D. 21 at L.A. Rams (Mon.)–6:00
D. 27 ST. LOUIS–12:00

New York Giants
S. 14 at Chicago (Mon.)–8:00
S. 20 DALLAS–4:00
S. 27 at Miami–1:00
O. 5 S.F. (Mon.)–9:00
O.11 WASHINGTON–4:00
O.18 at Buffalo–4:00
O.25 ST. LOUIS–4:00
N. 2 at Dallas (Mon.)–8:00
N. 8 NEW ENG. (night)–8:00
N. 15 at Philadelphia–4:00
N. 22 at New Orleans–3:00
N. 29 at Washington–4:00
D. 6 PHILADELPHIA–1:00
D. 13 at St. Louis–3:00
D. 19 GREEN BAY (Sat.)–12:30
D. 27 NEW YORK JETS–1:00

Philadelphia Eagles
S. 13 at Washington–1:00
S. 20 NEW ORLEANS–1:00
S. 27 at San Francisco–1:00
O. 4 CHICAGO–1:00
O.11 at Dallas–12:00
O.18 at Green Bay–12:00
O.25 DALLAS–1:00
N. 1 at St. Louis–12:00
N. 8 WASHINGTON–1:00
N. 15 N.Y. GIANTS–4:00
N. 22 ST. LOUIS–1:00
N. 29 at New England–1:00
D. 6 at New York Giants–1:00
D. 13 MIAMI–1:00
D. 20 at New York Jets–1:00
D. 27 BUFFALO–1:00

St. Louis Cardinals
S. 13 DALLAS–12:00
S. 20 at San Diego–1:00
S. 27 INDIANAPOLIS–12:00
O. 4 at Washington–1:00
O.11 NEW ORLEANS–12:00
O.18 at San Francisco–1:00
O.25 at New York Giants–4:00
N. 1 PHILADELPHIA–12:00
N. 8 TAMPA BAY–12:00
N. 15 L.A. RAMS–12:00
N. 22 at Philadelphia–1:00
N. 29 at Atlanta–1:00
D. 6 WASHINGTON–12:00
D. 13 N.Y. GIANTS–3:00
D. 20 at Tampa Bay–4:00
D. 27 at Dallas–12:00

Washington Redskins
S. 13 PHILADELPHIA–1:00
S. 20 at Atlanta–1:00
S. 27 NEW ENGLAND–1:00
O. 4 ST. LOUIS–1:00
O.11 at New York Giants–4:00
O.19 at Dallas (Mon.)–8:00
O.25 NEW YORK JETS–1:00
N. 1 at Buffalo–1:00
N. 8 at Philadelphia–1:00
N. 15 DETROIT–1:00
N. 23 L.A. RAMS (Mon.)–9:00
N. 29 N.Y. GIANTS–4:00
D. 6 at St. Louis–12:00
D. 13 DALLAS–1:00
D. 20 at Miami (night)–8:00
D. 26 at Minnesota (Sat.)–3:00

CENTRAL

Chicago Bears
S. 14 N.Y. GIANTS (Mon.)–8:00
S. 20 TAMPA BAY–12:00
S. 27 at Detroit–1:00
O. 4 at Philadelphia–1:00
O.11 MINNESOTA–12:00
O.18 NEW ORLEANS–12:00
O.25 at Tampa Bay–1:00
N. 1 KANSAS CITY–12:00
N. 8 at Green Bay–12:00
N. 16 at Denver (Mon.)–7:00
N. 22 DETROIT–12:00
N. 29 GREEN BAY–12:00
D. 6 at Minnesota (night)–7:00
D. 14 at S.F. (Mon.)–6:00
D. 20 SEATTLE–12:00
D. 27 at L.A. Raiders–1:00

Detroit Lions
S. 13 at Minnesota–12:00
S. 20 at L.A. Raiders–1:00
S. 27 CHICAGO–1:00
O. 4 TAMPA BAY–1:00
O.11 at Green Bay–12:00
O.18 SEATTLE–1:00
O.25 GREEN BAY–1:00
N. 1 at Denver–2:00
N. 8 DALLAS–1:00
N. 15 at Washington–1:00
N. 22 at Chicago–12:00
N. 26 K.C. (Thanks.)–12:30
D. 6 L.A. RAMS–1:00
D. 13 at Tampa Bay–4:00
D. 20 MINNESOTA–1:00
D. 27 at Atlanta–1:00

Green Bay Packers
S. 13 L.A. RAIDERS–3:00
S. 20 DENVER at Milw.–12:00
S. 27 at Tampa Bay–1:00
O. 4 at Minnesota–12:00
O.11 DETROIT–12:00
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N. 8 CHICAGO–12:00
N. 15 at Seattle–1:00
N. 22 at Kansas City–12:00
N. 29 at Chicago–12:00
D. 6 SAN FRANCISCO–12:00
D. 13 MINN. at Milw.–12:00
D. 19 at N.Y. Giants (Sat.)–12:30
D. 27 at New Orleans–12:00

Minnesota Vikings
S. 13 DETROIT–12:00
S. 20 at Los Angeles Rams–1:00
S. 27 at Kansas City–12:00
O. 4 GREEN BAY–12:00
O.11 at Chicago–12:00
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N. 22 ATLANTA–12:00
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D. 6 CHICAGO (night)–7:00
D. 13 vs. G.B. at Milw.–12:00
D. 20 at Detroit–1:00
D. 26 WASHINGTON (Sat.)–3:00

Tampa Bay Buccaneers
S. 13 ATLANTA–1:00
S. 20 at Chicago–12:00
S. 27 GREEN BAY–1:00
O. 4 at Detroit–1:00
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D. 20 ST LOUIS–4:00
D. 27 at Indianapolis–1:00

WEST

Atlanta Falcons
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MORE TO COME

About the only way Lou Holtz could get more out of Tim Brown in his last season at Notre Dame would be to play him at quarterback. If that has occurred to the multitalented Heisman Trophy candidate, it's a thought he might be wise to keep to himself. All he does now is run from scrimmage, catch passes and return kickoffs and punts.

Actually, the senior flanker/tailback did play quarterback, among other positions, at Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas and made prep All-America. In the last two years of Gerry Faust's regime at Notre Dame, Brown was a productive yet disenchanted receiver and returner. "I didn't cry when he left, I'll just say that," says Brown of the coaching change.

"I walked off the field on the third day of spring practice last year," Holtz says. "It was obvious to me he was an exceptional talent."

Then, as a junior, on Holtz's arrival, Brown became the nucleus of the offense, a do-it-all delivery man specializing in air express.

Brown's contributions were monumental. As a special delivery man, he was without peer, scoring two touchdowns on runs, two on kickoff returns and five on pass receptions. He ranked third in the nation with an average of 176.1 all-purpose yards per game (1,937 in all). He caught 45 passes for 910 yards (a 20.2-yard average). He carried the ball 59 times for 254 yards, a 4.3-yard average. He returned 25 kickoffs for 698 yards, a 27.9 average (one for 96 yards). He returned the final two punts of the season for 75 yards, and when he was stopped on the second of those, after running 56 yards, the ball was on the Southern California 17-yard line with 2:15 left.

At that moment, the Irish were teetering on the brink of a 4-7 season. But as time and Holtz's first year ran out, John Carney kicked a 19-yard field goal to give them a 38-37 victory and the new coach a 5-6 record in his debut.

It would cause Holtz to look back at close defeats and near misses and to conclude that Notre Dame, given the luck of the Irish, could have been 10-1. That the team was close to such a startling turnaround was attributable to Brown more than any other player.

"I walked off the field on the third day of spring practice last year," Holtz says. "It was obvious to me he was an exceptional talent. And so we made up our minds we were going to get him the ball in a variety of different ways: in the kicking game, by throwing it to him. We wondered if there were other ways, and somebody said, 'We can hand it to him, can't we?' "

The beauty of it was that making Brown a quadruple-threat not only gave the player a new feeling of belonging but also it fit right into the way that Holtz liked to do things in his years at Minnesota, Arkansas, North Carolina State and William & Mary.

"That's always been the nature of our offense: to take a very talented individual and use him in a variety of ways," Holtz says. "Tim is very productive in every area."

What now?

"I don't know what else we can do to get him the ball unless we play him on defense," Holtz says. "He'll run back punts and kickoffs, carry the ball from the quarterback, catch it from the quarterback. And he's also a good blocker. He's a very fascinating individual."

During the spring, with Holtz's blessing, Brown practiced football and ran track, usually on alternate days. When there was a conflict, football lost, a defeat that Holtz accepted philosophically. "Obviously, his best sport is football," Holtz said, "but track might help him to increase his speed."

Not that Brown is a lead-foot. Even wearing high-tops, he has 4.31 speed in the 40. At 6 feet and 195 pounds, with sprinter's speed and a juggler's dexterity, he is definitely the man to build around in a season in which Holtz says Notre Dame's overall talent level may be less than it was in his first year.

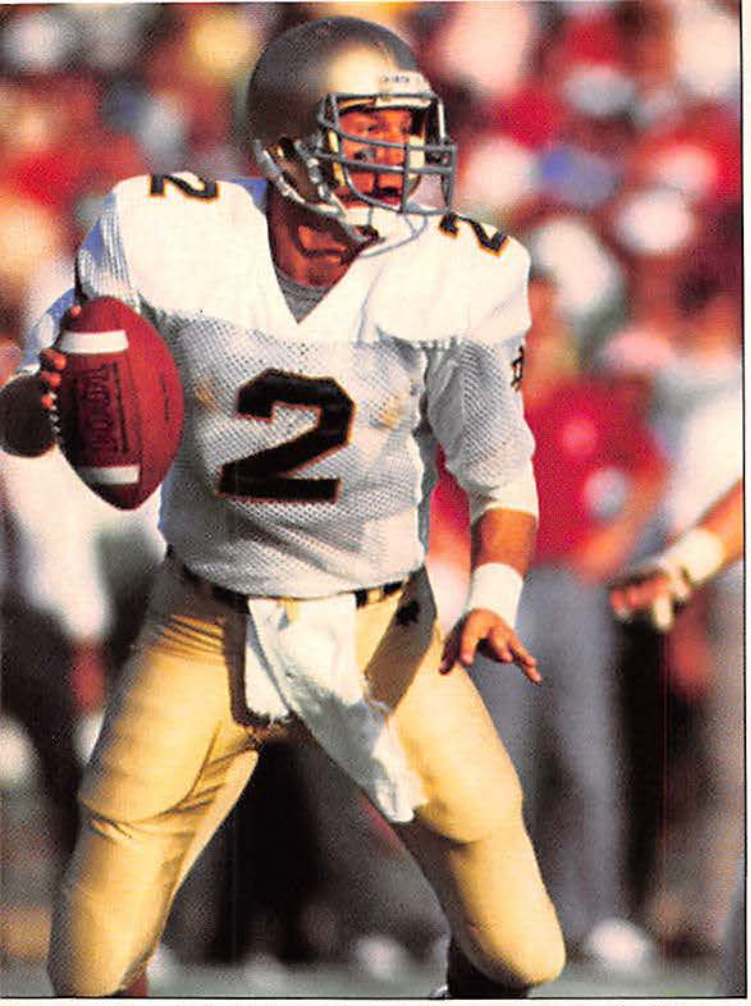
It is hardly as if Brown has been preparing for this all his life.

In fact, not long ago, it seemed that his best position might be bass drum.

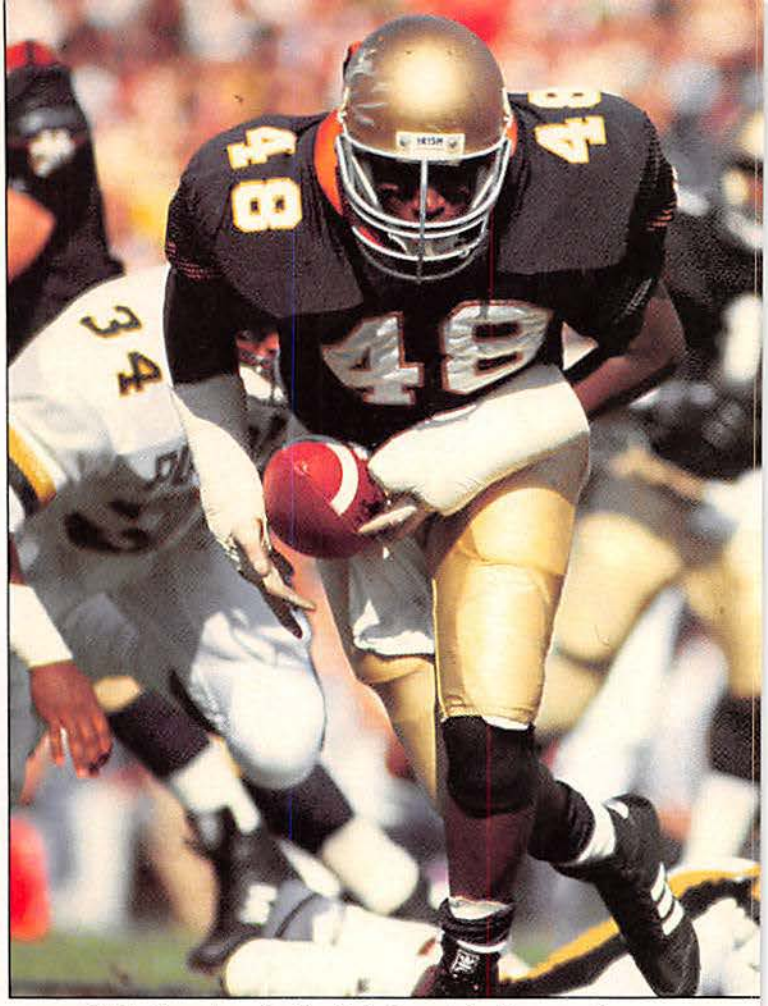
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Bending to the challenge, Tim Brown will merit strong Heisman Trophy consideration with another season like his last one.


IRISH



Terry Andrysiak looked forward all last year to leading the Irish.



Cedric Figaro has a feel for the ball: seven fumble recoveries.

(Notre Dame continued)

"I didn't go out for football until junior high, when I was about 13," he says. "My mom didn't want me to play football. She always wanted me to be in the band. Plus, I was really small, and she never thought I'd be big enough."

In his freshman year at Woodrow Wilson, the only action Brown saw was before the game and at halftime, playing drummer boy with the marching band. The next season, he made the football varsity, and the band lost a drummer who probably would have been one of its best all-around performers. By the end of his senior season at Woodrow Wilson, he had accumulated more than 4,000 yards in rushing, receiving and runbacks. He was one of the top 100 blue-chip prospects in the country, wooed by Hayden Fry of Iowa; Barry Switzer of Oklahoma; Tom Osborne of Nebraska; Fred Akers of Purdue, then of Texas; Bobby Collins, then of SMU; and Faust of Akron, then of Notre Dame. Only a last-day selling job by Brown's older brother, Donald Kelly, saved him from the SMU abyss and propelled him to South Bend.

"If it hadn't been for my brother and my family, I probably would have ended up at SMU," Brown says. "It's worked out great."

Those are sentiments Holtz shares. With Brown leading the way, Notre Dame played better in the first year of the Holtz era than the coach said he had a right to expect. Five of the six losses, including a 24-23 opening game defeat by Michigan and a late-season 24-19 heartbreaker to national champion Penn State, were by a combined total of 14 points. The worst defeat was 28-10 to Alabama. Notre Dame won four of its last six games after losing four of the first five.

"I felt that in the last six weeks of the season we were one of the better teams in the country," Holtz says. "But we never really developed the proper chemistry to be an awfully good team, and we never really learned how to win the close games on a consistent basis. It seemed like every time we got off the ground, somebody knocked us down. If something positive had occurred earlier in the year, who knows what might have happened?

"But we ended up being one of the better offensive teams in the country despite the fact that we played many of the outstanding defenses.

"We had to emphasize the pass a little more than we'd like to. We were forced to throw it too many times. We'd like to be more of a ball-control team."

Now, with Heisman Trophy candidate Brown primed for an explosive all-purpose final season, Holtz hopes for not only a more rounded, grounded attack but also for the fast start that eluded the Irish in 1986. There are many holes to be filled, however, including a large one left by the graduation of quarterback Steve Beuerlein, who passed for 13 touchdowns and 2,211 yards while suffering only seven interceptions in 259 passes. He was Notre Dame's all-time leader in several passing and total offense categories. The heir apparent is senior Terry Andrysiak, who started one game in 1985 and another in 1986. Andrysiak is a runner-passer who carried 29 times for 114 yards and a touchdown last season and completed 17 of 30 passes for 233 yards and another.

"Terry, I think, can be a good quarterback," Holtz says. "The main thing we're looking for is a quarterback who won't get us beat. We're not looking for one to throw for 3,000 yards or run for a thousand. We just want one who will enable the team to function effectively—to eliminate the bad play for us. I think Terry could do that. I have a lot of faith in him. He's a fine competitor."

Notre Dame returns its top six rushers. They include junior Mark Green (96 carries, 406 yards, two touchdowns) and sophomore Anthony Johnson (80 for 349, five TDs) who split time at tailback. Johnson has been moved to fullback. Others are fifth-year senior Pernell Taylor (69 for 284, five TDs) and sophomore Braxston Banks (49 for 209).

With 25 receptions for 242 yards, Green ranked third among receivers. Banks caught 10 passes for 55 yards and two touchdowns. Notre Dame lost starting split end Milt Jackson and starting tight end Joel Williams. Junior Andy Heck is the likely replacement for Wil-

liams. Alvin Miller, Tony Eason and Ray Dumas are in the split-end battle. Eason is a senior and Dumas a junior. Miller is a fifth-year senior who had six receptions for 107 yards. He had reconstructive knee surgery and may not be ready to play until mid-October.

Four fifth-year senior starters buttress the offensive line. They are center Chuck Lanza (6-2, 270), guard Tom Freeman (6-4, 265) and tackles Byron Spruell (6-4, 279) and Tom Rehder (6-7, 263). Behind them, Notre Dame generated 411.6 yards per game in '86, 14th nationally. Sophomore Jeff Pearson (6-2, 250) is the likeliest candidate at right guard. In all, seven offensive starters return.

"Offensively, we may not be as productive, but we can be better," Holtz says. "The kicking game and the defense must be the areas of improvement."

Holtz's main job in spring practice, beyond fitting Andrysiak into the starting quarterback slot, was rebuilding the defense, which lost seven starters. Among those who finished the season as starters, the outstanding talent probably is senior outside linebacker Cedric Figaro (6-2, 246). Figaro was the third-leading tackler last fall. He was in on 59 stops and came up with seven of the team's 12 fumble recoveries.

Other than Figaro, six of the seven top tacklers departed, including linebackers Mike Kovaleski, who was in on 88, and Ron Weissenhofer (49), and tackle Wally Kleine (74).

Nose tackle Mike Griffin (6-4, 246), also an '86 starter, has a fifth season of eligibility but must come back from January back surgery.

Defensive front candidates are senior Jeff Kunz (6-5, 256), who started three games at tackle last season; junior nose tackle Tom Gorman (6-6, 260), who started the USC game in Griffin's place; sophomore tackle Jeff Alm (6-6, 242); senior tackle Matt Dingens (6-6, 260); and junior nose tackle Rich Morrison (6-3, 248). Senior fullback Frank Stams (6-3, 235) was switched to outside linebacker.

"We lost two fine linebackers," says Holtz, referring to Kovaleski and Weissenhofer. "We may not be as deep there, but I think we'll be pretty solid." Senior Darrell Gordon (6-3, 210) started five '86 games at outside linebacker. Senior Wes Pritchett (6-5, 234), sophomore Mike Stonebreaker (6-1, 218) and junior Ned Bolcar (6-2, 235) are other returning lettermen. Pritchett had 49 solo tackles.

The secondary is the question-mark area. Holtz hopes to build around fifth-year senior cornerback Marv Spence (33 tackles, one interception), senior strong safety Brandy Wells (41 tackles) and junior strong safety George Streeter (44 tackles). Wells is coming off knee surgery. Others contending are fifth-year senior James Bobb, junior Corny Southall and sophomore Stan Smagala. Backup sophomore cornerback Pat Terrell was moved to split end.

"If we cannot solidify our secondary, it may be a long year," says Holtz.

Lessening that possibility could be a recruiting class that was rated the best in the nation according to the consensus opinion of top recruiting services. "On paper, it was an excellent year," Holtz says. "But we don't play on paper, they aren't from Krypton and they're not ready to be placed in the Hall of Fame. The key to how good this freshman team turns out to be is how much they improve. They're not good enough to step in and play, but if they progress, they could become very good."

So, too, could Lou Holtz's second edition. And Irish eyes will mostly be on the one man on the team who most closely resembles Superman.

Says Brown: "Coach tells me, 'Don't be disappointed if you don't do what you did last year. You had a great year.' "

Says Holtz: "This might turn out to be a better team than last year's, even though it may be less talented."

Don't be surprised if the Irish begin to turn it around. And don't be surprised if Tim Brown duplicates or surpasses his feats of a year ago.

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Double-Dealing Defenses, Deceiving Disguises

by Peter Finney

It was so simple in the old days.

When the offense broke the huddle, the quarterback, or maybe the single wing tailback, didn't bother checking the defensive alignment.

There was no movement in the 6-2-2-1 or the 7-1-2-1 (the 7-diamond, they called it).

Even later, when the T-formation began sending men in motion, defenses limited their shifting.

Not today.

In the pros today, and especially in the college game where you have to defend the option, defenses can resemble a collection of Mexican jumping beans.

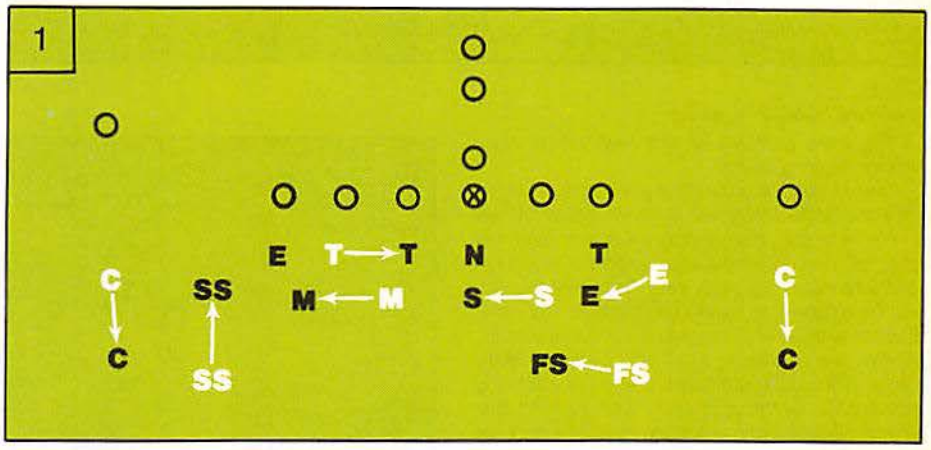
Stick your head in a defensive huddle and you might hear one player say, "Tight three." Then from another, "Stem—tight—eagle—stack." The first call determines the action of the linebackers and secondary. The second is for down linemen.

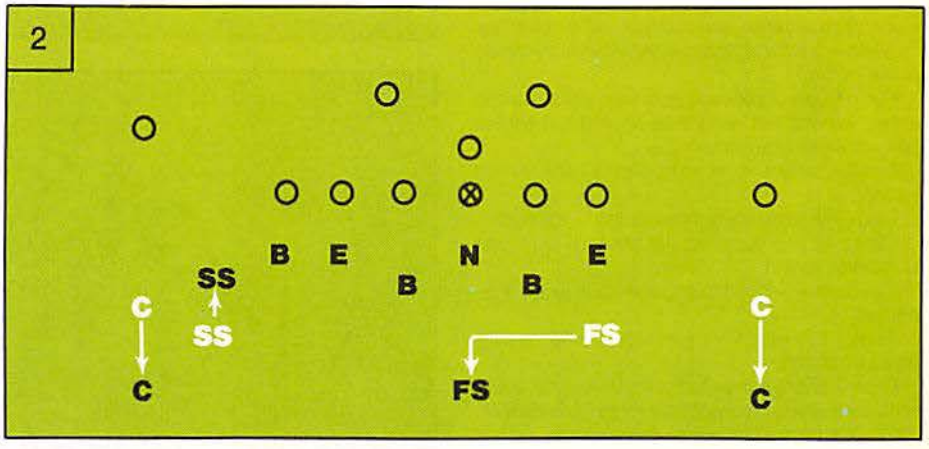
That's only a sample of today's lingo, as the defense plays a game of cat-and-mouse with offenses that have become increasingly more sophisticated.

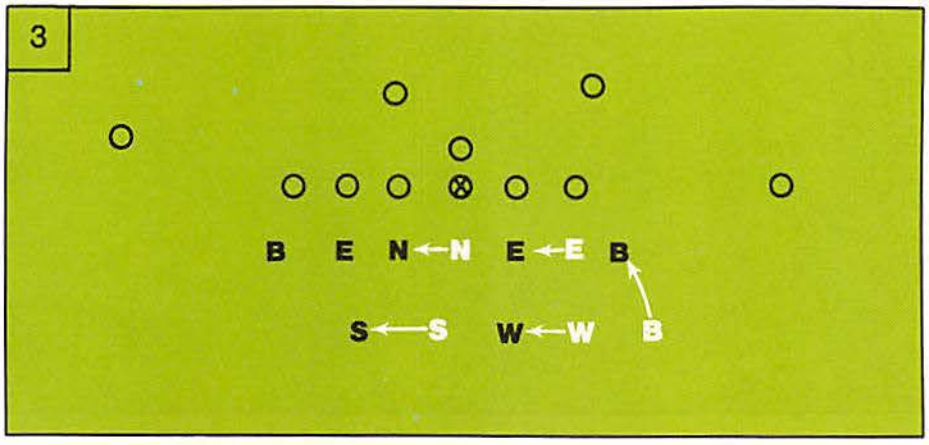
"In the last seven years," says Foge Fazio, defensive coordinator at Notre Dame, "the college game has been hit by a heavy pro influence. By that I mean you have quarterbacks and receivers playing the college game who are so talented you've got to try to confuse them. And many times the best way to do that is through disguise. Try to confuse them. Give one look, then shift into something else as the quarterback is calling signals.

"Twenty-five years ago, if a team threw 18 passes, they were considered a passing team. Today you have teams throwing the ball 45 times a game. And you have quarterbacks completing 50 to 60 percent of their passes. The quarterbacks and receivers are so coordinated, defenses have to adjust."

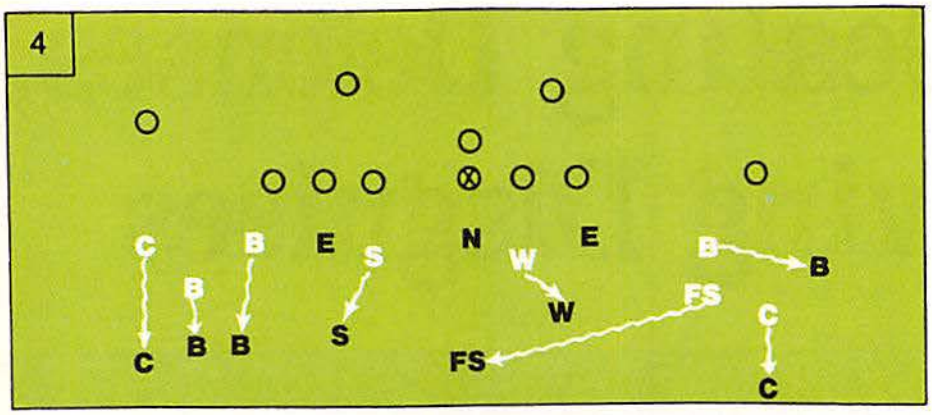
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Here are three examples of cleverly disguised defensive shifting at the last second before the snap to confuse the quarterback.



In diagram 4 the defense indicates blitz, then drops back. Coverages favored by Washington are illustrated in diagrams 5 and 6. Diagram 7 shows how the quarterback can be deceived into thinking the cornerbacks will jam his wide receivers but, before the snap, they drop back to take away deep routes.

(Deceiving Disguises continued)

That's the problem for defenses facing high-voltage passing attacks.

There's also the problem of going up against the nifty quarterback who can keep the ball or pitch it.

For example, when facing an option team, the defense must determine who takes the quarterback and who takes the pitch-man. Ordinarily, the end will be responsible for the quarterback and either the cornerback or strong safety for the pitch-man. Sometimes a defense might blitz a strong safety, sending him at the quarterback, with the end being responsible for the pitch-man. It's a problem that pros don't face and is one more reason for disguise and sophistication.

To get some idea of defensive sophistication, it's best to begin with a quick look at modern-day nomenclature. A partial list would include the following:

Angle—direct diagonal charge, either to the inside or the outside.

Banjo—basic coverage term that refers to a free safety working the weak side against the pocket pass or weak-side action pass.

Bear—contain stunt executed by the strong safety.

Blue—defensive backs prerotated to the right.

Cloud—cornerback has flat zone on pass and contain on run.

Cover cover—overlapping coverage by the linebacker.

Eagle—five-man front with tackle lined up over offensive guard.

Elmer—change of responsibility between end and linebacker, the end responsible for the quarterback, the linebacker for the inside running game.

Five—predetermined five-under, two-deep zone coverage.

Forty—basic alignment with four down linemen and three linebackers.

Omaha—basic 40 defense with three-deep coverage.

R—stunt from the 60 alignment involving end and outside linebacker.

Railroad—changes direction of huddle call.

Red—defensive backs prerotated to the left.

Sky—strong safety has flat zone on pass and contains on run.

Sixty—six-man defensive front.

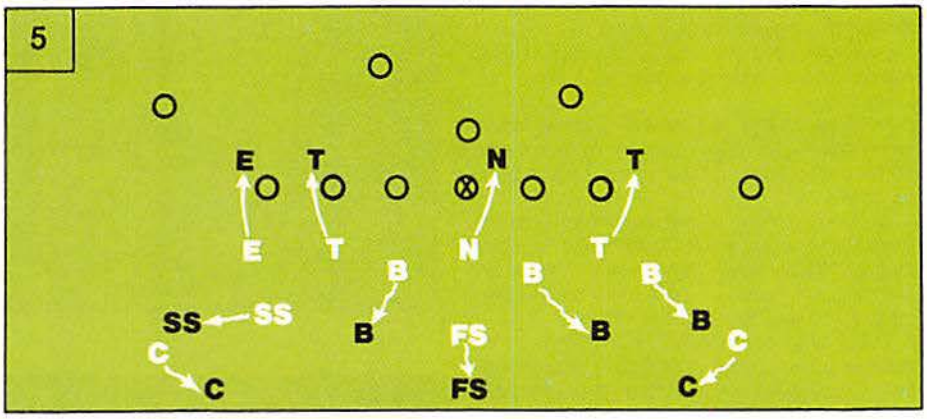
Sink—change of alignment from 40 to 60.

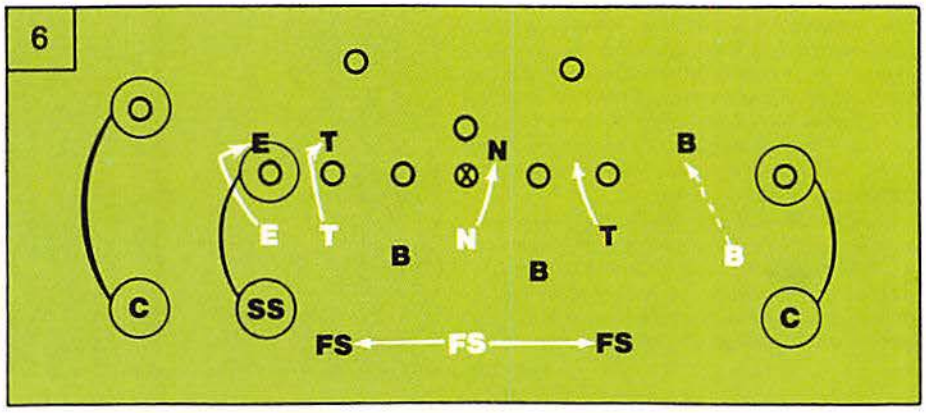
Slug—outside linebacker stunts into five-gap.

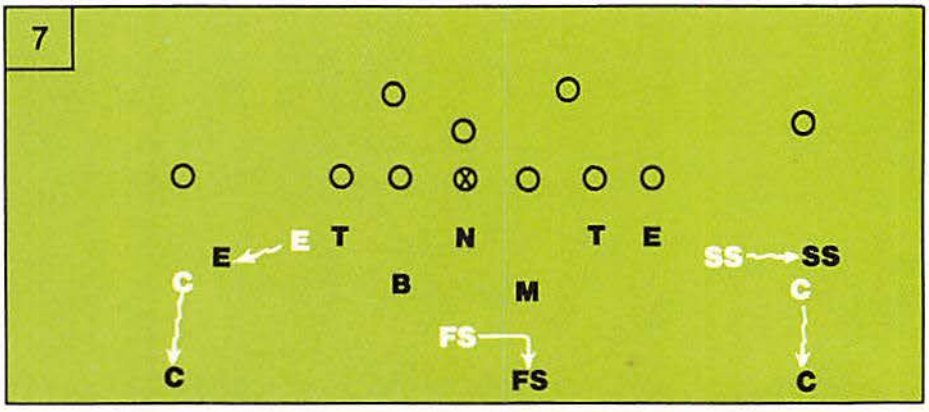
Stack—linebacker lines up behind defensive lineman.

Stem—moving from one defensive alignment to another.

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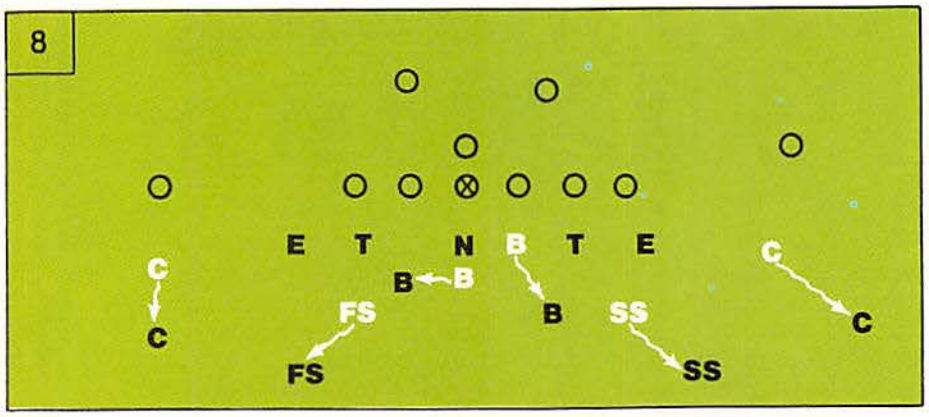
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One popular coverage is to pretend man-to-man, then go to a two-deep zone after showing blitz (diagram 8). In diagram 9 we see the shift from zone to man-to-man coverage. Diagrams 10 and 11 illustrate a couple of favorite LSU coverages.

(Deceiving Disguises continued)

Storm—stunt executed by outside linebacker from 60 alignment.

Ten—three-deep rotating zone defense.

Three—predetermined three-deep zone.

Thirty—three-man defensive line with four-linebacker alignment with extra middle linebacker subbing for tackle.

Tight—strong safety on tight end.

Two—designates linebacker drops, meaning pass strength is to split end side.

Two man—designates blitzing two linebackers in which safety covers to split end side, linebacker to tight end side.

Whip—safety to strength of formation.

Zero—nose tackle on center in 30 defense.

Let's return to the earlier example of defensive lingo. When the player calling signals for the secondary says "tight-three," it means the defense will wind up in three-deep coverage with the strong safety moving in position to take care of the tight end (diagram 1). Meanwhile, the call for the front, "Stem—tight—eagle—stack," tells you there will be movement in which a tackle would slide into a position across from the offensive guard, with the middle backer moving behind the nose guard and the end behind the tackle.

As necessary as it is to disguise your intentions, Bob Davie, a defensive assistant at Texas A&M, says, "It's also necessary not to get caught out of position when the ball is snapped.

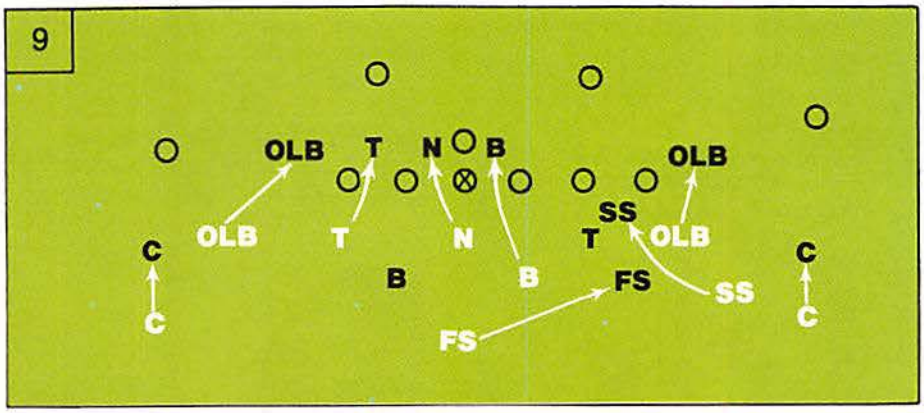
"Disguising defenses has to become a coordinated movement, or you can be asking for trouble. It can't be something one player does with free-lance movement. With quarterbacks calling so many plays at the line and offensive linemen making calls for blocking schemes, last-second movement by the defense can be effective. A basic rule is to disguise without confusing yourself."

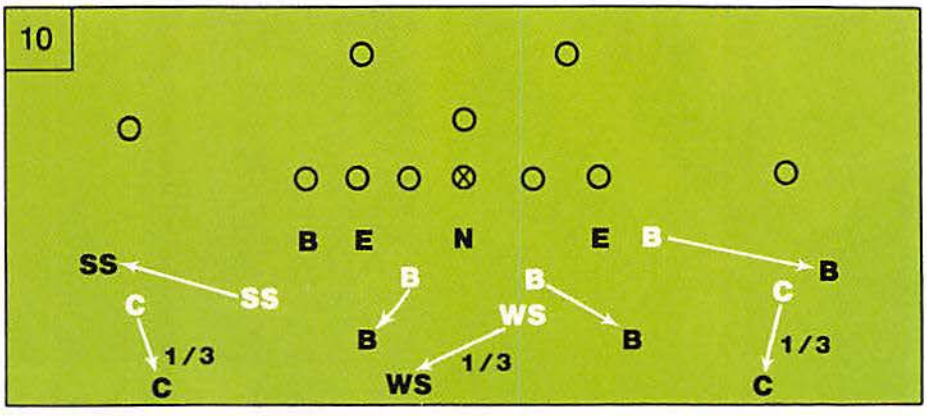
Davie likes to divide this into three areas. Perhaps the most common is to show the quarterback one zone coverage and, on the snap, go to another (diagram 2).

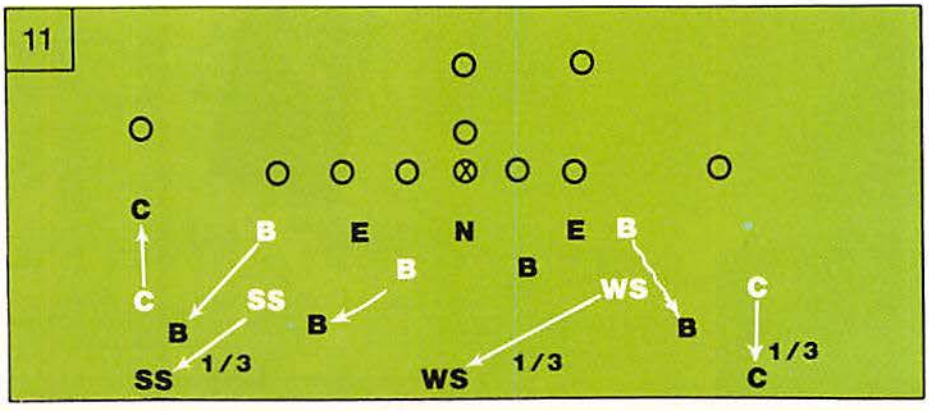
A second general area of disguise is to move your front late to confuse blocking schemes (diagram 3). "Usually," says Davie, "a linebacker will give the call so everyone moves at once."

Finally, what can be unsettling to many quarterbacks is to have a defense show blitz, then drop back to defend (diagram 4).

It was this kind of thinking that seemed to confuse Vinny Testaverde when Miami lost to Penn State for the national championship in the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl game. How much new did Joe Paterno's Nit-







tany Lions throw at the Heisman Trophy winner?

"Not as much as you might think," says Jerry Sandusky, who handles the defense for Paterno. "Our philosophy is wedded to the zone. We play little man. Ordinarily, we might use nine different types of zones over the course of the season. For Miami, we probably used a dozen because we had lots of time to prepare. But that's no big deal."

So why were the Lions, who intercepted five of Testaverde's passes, so successful?

"I think it was because of the rush we got from our three people upfront," says Sandusky. "They were able to apply some pressure and Testaverde had to hurry some of his throws. We used quite a bit of three-deep zone because we didn't want to give up the big play. Honestly, I can't say we showed him anything he hadn't seen before. More than anything, we strive for continuity."

At the University of Washington, Don James has built a reputation with teams best known for their consistent play on defense. "We like to have a base coverage and rotation predetermined," says James. "Our base coverage (diagram 5) is predetermined before the snap. We call it sky coverage because our strong safety takes care of the flat in the event of a pass, and he contains if it's a run. It's our most consistently used coverage by far. It sets up our man coverage because of the way we're trying to disguise. It also sets up our secondary stunts."

From virtually the same alignment, Washington can defend man-to-man (diagram 6). Says James, "We like this because we can still get a five-man rush, we can keep a weak safety free, and we're still in man coverage. We never ask our corner to force if he's playing a wide receiver."

A favorite ploy, explains Fazio, is allowing the quarterback to think he can beat the corners deep. "When they come to the line," says Fazio, "your presnap alignment can have your corners jamming the wide receivers (diagram 7). Then, during cadence, the corners can take a deep drop to take away the deep routes."

According to Fazio, another widely used scheme that can rattle quarterbacks is to line up in man-to-man coverage, show blitz, then drop into a two-deep zone (diagram 8). "Many times," says Fazio, "you can make the quarterback call an audible because he's expecting an all-out rush."

The flip side of the coin is to show the offense your normal pass zone alignment, leading the quarterback to believe you're in deep zone coverage. "On the snap," says Fazio, "you come up with the strong safety, the weak outside backer and a middle backer (diagram 9). As you do this, the corners come up quickly to play the wide receivers man-to-man, and the free safety comes over to cover the tight end."

Any coach will tell you the quality of the athlete can dictate what you do. At LSU, 33-year-old Mike Archer takes over as head coach after serving a three-year apprenticeship under Bill Arnsparger. Archer previously coached the defensive backs at the University of Miami under Howard Schnellenberger. "If you have a really outstanding athlete, you can play to his strength as you move people around," says Archer. "For example, if you have a linebacker like Michael Brooks, you can load up on the other side after the snap. On the other hand, if your right corner is weak, you can rotate the zone his way and give him support. The same would apply to a suspect linebacker or end. Just load up to their side. Still, you don't want to get caught out of position."

Nowadays, there are all kinds of mixtures of zone coverages. LSU has enjoyed success by rolling into zones—to either the strong side or weak side—from the same presnap alignments. The aim, obviously, is to create confusion in the mind of the quarterback, looking for a key as he retreats into the pocket.

LSU likes to show a two-deep alignment, then roll to zone to the tight end (or weak) side, depending on the situation. Diagram 10 shows the move to the strong side with the corners and weak safety each responsible for one-third of the deep area. Diagram 11 shows the roll to the weak side with the corner, strong safety and weak safety responsible for the deep zones.

Says Archer: "This type of defensive thinking has come to the fore in the last six years. And it stems from the pro influence. You want to get into as many different alignments as possible from the same presnap set. What you want to do is drive the quarterback nuts. If you do that, you're half the way home."

For Bobby Proctor, who has coached the defensive backfield at Oklahoma since 1973, the game of disguise comes down to "exposing a quarterback's weaknesses."

"It's always a victory for the defense when you force the offense to call timeout," says Proctor. "In our Orange Bowl game against Michigan (1976), we forced them to call two. We did it by keeping our corners deep, by exposing the flat, then walking them up as the ball was snapped."

Then there was a game with Nebraska a few years ago. "We had been covering the motion man with the strong safety," says Proctor. "When we started picking up the motion man, as he moved across, with the free safety, it created some confusion. That's always the aim: confusion. I saw the Fiesta Bowl film, and the Penn State linebackers did a tremendous job of giving Testaverde different looks. To do what they did, you've got to have experience as well as good athletes."

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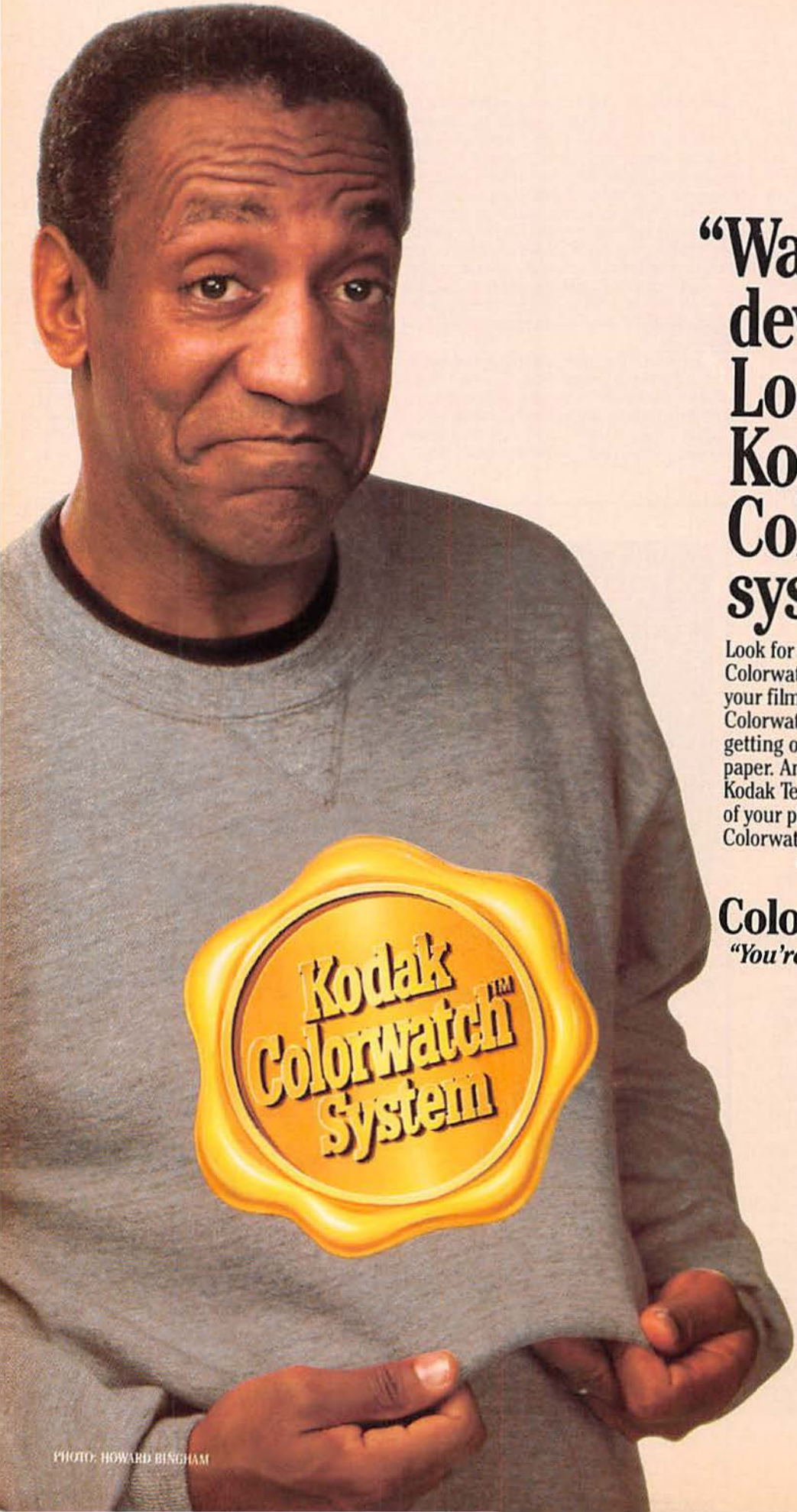


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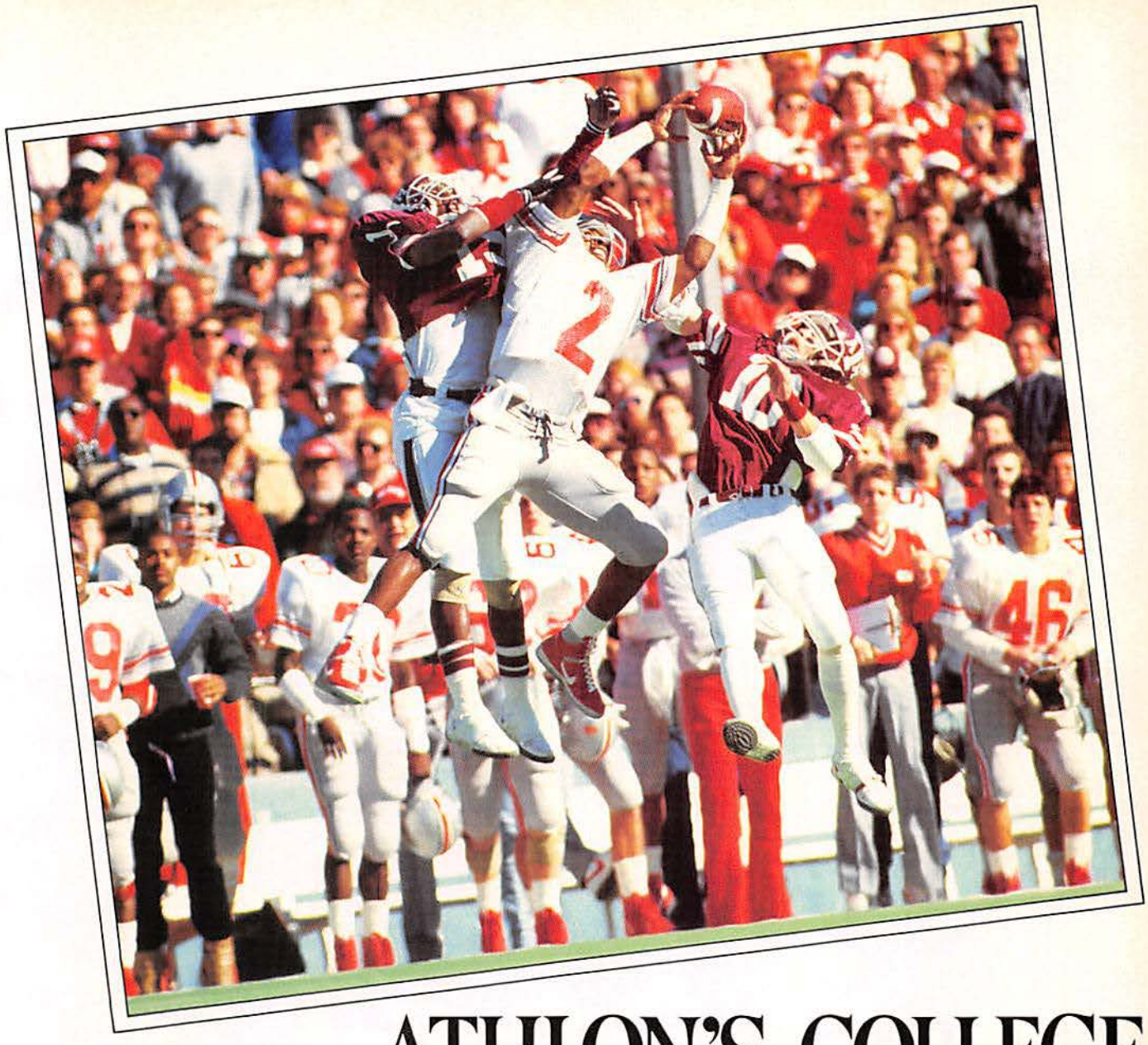
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Late in the first quarter, with A&M leading 3–0, the Buckeyes faced third and 17 from their own 30. Quarterback Jim Karsatos dropped back and lofted a rainbow downfield, where Carter, as usual, had attracted tight double coverage. As the pass neared its target, both Aggie defenders appeared to be in excellent position to intercept. At the last instant, however, Carter leaped high to bring down the ball for a 34-yard gain.

The play marked a turning point in the game. Their drive still alive, the Buckeyes went on to score their first touchdown. They never trailed again.

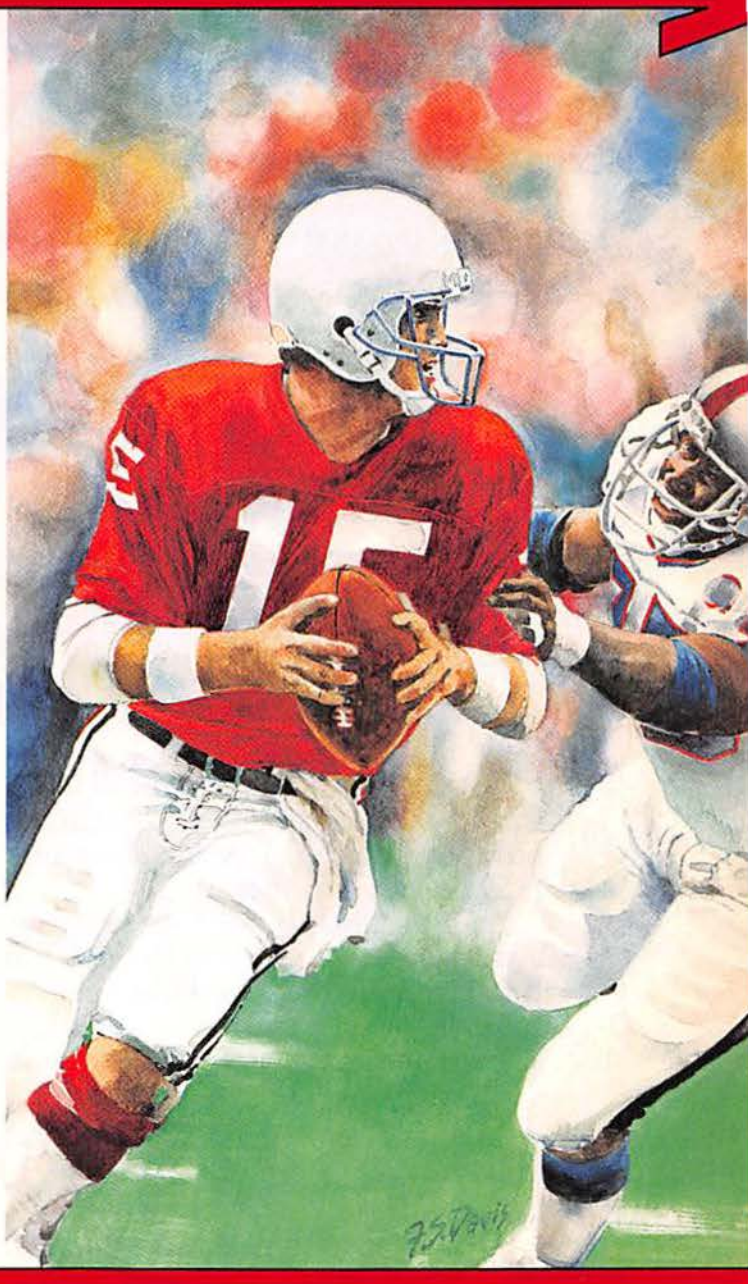

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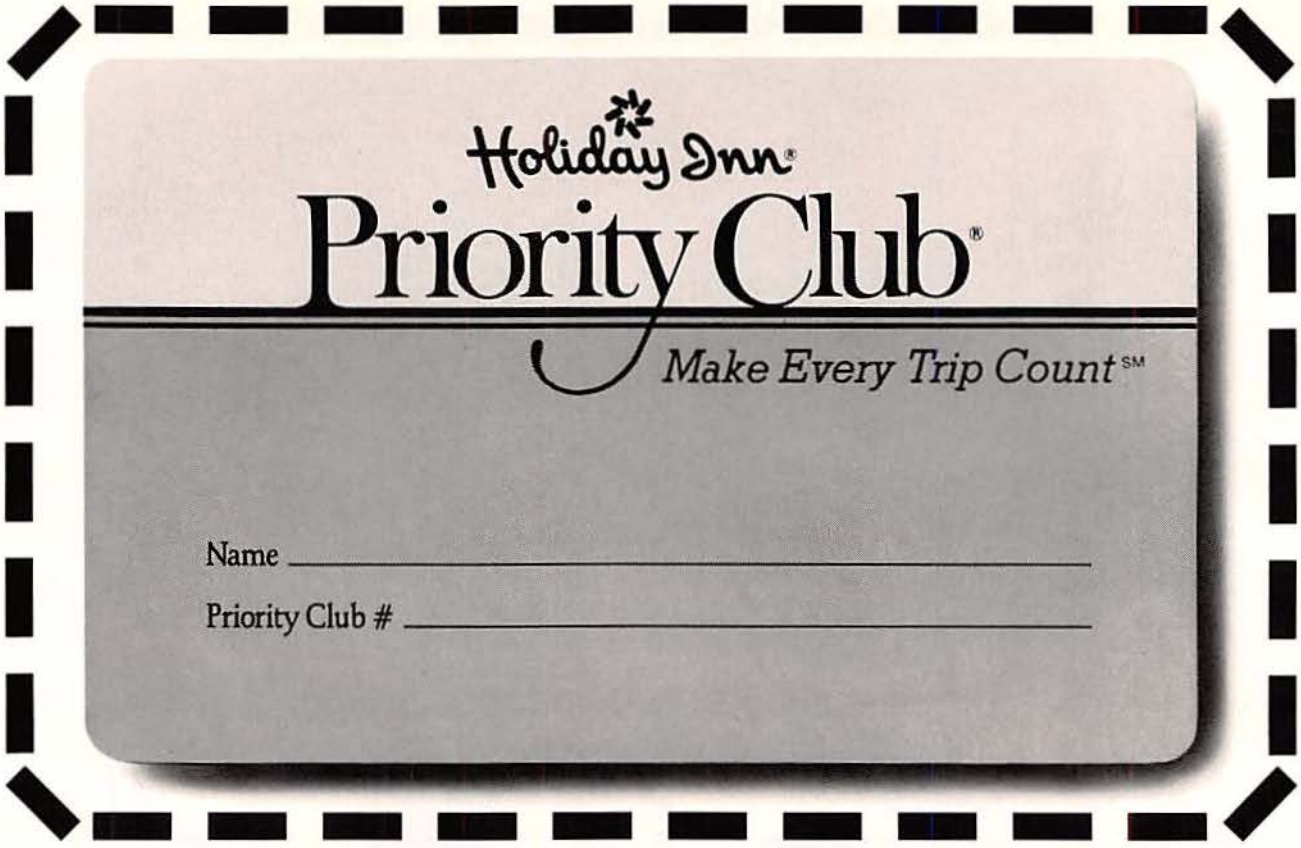
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15	Aunese, Sal	QB	6-0 190	So.	Oceanside, CA
90	Brunelli, Lee	NT	6-2 280	So.	Las Vegas, NV
84	Campbell, Jeff	SE	5-9 155	So.	Vail, CO
2	Carl, Lance	SE	6-1 185	Sr.	Ft. Madison, IA
75	Coleman, Bill*	OG	6-4 255	So.	Thornton, CO
16	Collins, Jo Jo	SE	6-0 180	Jr.	Pomona, CA
1	Copeland, Morris	CB	5-8 165	Sr.	Miami, FL
28	Culbertson, Ken	K	6-3 165	So.	Boulder, CO
70	Davis, Dean	OG	6-5 280	Jr.	Scottsbluff, NE
3	DeLine, Dave*	K	6-0 165	Sr.	Denver, CO
49	DeLuzio, Don*	ILB	6-2 225	Sr.	Arvada, CO
52	Dunn, Tom	OLB	6-2 225	So.	Las Vegas, NV
85	English, Keith	TE-P	6-3 220	Jr.	Greeley, CO
78	Faulkner, Scott	C	6-4 255	So.	Houston, TX
25	Ferrando, Drew*	SE	5-11 190	Sr.	Menlo Park, CA
29	Flannigan, J.J.	HB	6-0 185	So.	Pomona, CA
30	Fullmer, Derek	FS	6-2 175	Sr.	Boulder, CO
21	Harvey, William	CB	6-0 165	Jr.	Dallas, TX
6	Hatcher, Mark*	QB	6-0 190	Sr.	Pasadena, CA
82	Hayes, Cole*	DT	6-4 235	So.	Las Vegas, NV
9	Helton, Barry*	P	6-4 190	Sr.	Simla, CO
17	James, Tim	CB	6-1 215	So.	San Dimas, CA
33	Kissick, Erich	FB	5-11 195	So.	Overland Park, KS
77	Knight, Greg	OT	6-3 240	So.	Riverside, CA
95	Koch, Curt*	DT	6-8 270	Sr.	Littleton, CO
20	Marquez, Mike*	HB	6-0 185	Sr.	Arvada, CO
66	May, Kevin	OG	6-3 255	So.	Pomona, CA
32	McCarty, Eric	ILB	6-1 225	Sr.	Boulder, CO
12	McCloughan, Dave	HB	6-0 170	Fr.	Loveland, CO
57	McCreary, Joe*	OT	6-4 260	Sr.	Unionville, MO
63	Muilenburg, Darrin	OG	6-4 275	So.	Lakewood, CO
10	Nairn, John	FS	6-0 180	Sr.	Ann Arbor, MI
18	Nelson, M.J.	HB	5-10 150	So.	Simi Valley, CA
61	Norgard, Erik	C	6-0 240	Jr.	Arlington, WA
5	Oliver, O.C.*	HB	5-11 180	So.	Houston, TX
13	Pontiflet, Keith	CB	6-0 170	So.	Anaheim, CA
19	Pruitt, Mickey*	SS	6-1 205	Sr.	Chicago, IL
45	Quackenbush, Jim	OLB	6-0 230	Sr.	Colo. Spgs., CO
68	Randall, Chris	OG	6-4 250	So.	Colo. Spgs., CO
91	Rappold, Kyle*	NT	6-0 245	Sr.	Colo. Spgs., CO
73	Rasmussen, Scott	OT	6-4 250	Jr.	Concord, CA
97	Reinhardt, Tom*	OLB	6-3 230	Jr.	Littleton, CO
98	Robinson, Brad	NT	6-3 235	So.	Aurora, CO
4	Rogers, Rodney*	FS	6-1 190	Sr.	Houston, TX
79	Ryan, Pat*	OT	6-3 260	Sr.	Hyannis, MA
99	Salavea, Okland	OLB	6-6 235	So.	Oceanside, CA
81	Shinnick, Pete	TE	6-3 250	Sr.	Columbia, MO
42	Simmons, Michael	FB	5-9 190	Fr.	Kirkwood, MO
74	Smith, Jim	DT	6-6 255	Sr.	Aurora, CO
34	Smith, Sam	HB	6-2 205	Sr.	Aurora, CO
39	Stone, Tom	OLB	6-3 225	Jr.	Boulder, CO
14	Strait, Alan	FS	6-1 190	Sr.	Denver, CO
27	Sutherland, Sam	SS	5-11 185	So.	Carson, CA
71	Symington, Chris	OG	6-2 260	Jr.	Greenwich, CT
23	Tate, David*	CB	6-1 175	Sr.	Denver, CO
83	Walker, Arthur	DT	6-5 235	So.	Houston, TX
8	Walters, Marc	QB	6-3 180	So.	Carson, CA
44	Weatherspoon, A.*	FB	6-0 245	Sr.	La Habra, CA
7	Wheeler, Rick	QB	6-2 190	Sr.	Englewood, CO
41	Wolf, Troy	TE	6-4 220	Sr.	Arvada, CO

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (8); Defense (8); Kickers (2).

BUFFALO RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game: 342 Charlie Davis vs. Oklahoma St., 1971
Season: 1386 Charlie Davis, 1971
Career: 3172 Charlie Davis, 1971-73

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game: 351 Randy Essington vs. Nebraska, 1982
Season: 1432 Steve Vogel, 1984
Career: 3912 Steve Vogel, 1981-84

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game: 10 Ed Reinhardt vs. Michigan St., 1984
Season: 51 Jon Embree, 1984
Career: 118 Monte Huber, 1967-69

Longest Run: 95 Emerson Wilson vs. Kansas St., 1954
Longest Pass: 87 Z. Jordan to F. Bernardi vs. Kansas, 1952

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QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 6-6-0; 6-1-0 2nd Big 8.
Head Coach: Bill McCartney (Colorado record: 20-36-1; Overall record: 20-36-1), Missouri '62.
Offensive Coordinator: Gerry DiNardo, Notre Dame '75.
Defensive Coordinator: Lou Tepper, Rutgers '66.
Offense: Wishbone. ***Defense:*** 3-4.
All-Star Candidates: P-Barry Helton, SS-Mickey Pruitt, LB-Don DeLuzio, DT-Curt Koch, LB-Eric McCarty, HB-O.C. Oliver.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Bieniemy, Eric	RB	5-9 185	West Covina, CA
Boman, Jon	LB	6-4 225	Las Vegas, NV
Fishero, Charles	OL	6-6 275	San Diego, CA
Hannah, Eric	K	6-0 190	Mission Viejo, CA
Heasley, Russell	OL	6-4 245	Bakersfield, CA
Hemingway, George	FB	6-2 225	Colton, CA
Leeuwenburg, Jay	C	6-3 230	Kirkwood, MO
McGhee, Kanavis	OLB	6-6 230	Houston, TX
Motley, Mike	OLB	6-2 220	Houston, TX
Pritchard, Mike	RB	5-11 175	Las Vegas, NV
Steed, Joel	DL	6-3 280	Denver, CO
Williams, Alfred	DL	6-6 230	Houston, TX

IOWA STATE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
28	Anderson, Tom	DB	5-9 171	So.	Ashland, NE
29	Baker, Tim	DB	6-2 190	So.	Grundy Ctr., IA
60	Barkley, Brian	OL	6-5 263	So.	Morris, IL
87	Benoit, Dave	TE	6-5 241	So.	Hawthorne Wds., IL
58	Benson, Scott*	DE	6-3 233	Sr.	Omaha, NE
75	Bern, Randy	DT	6-3 258	So.	Spencer, IA
8	Blankenship, Joe	DB	6-1 175	So.	Detroit, MI
3	Bridges, Eddie	WR	5-10 171	Sr.	Chicago, IL
1	Brown, Eddie	WR	5-10 175	Sr.	Topeka, KS
20	Brown, Michael	RB	5-7 160	So.	Cincinnati, OH
85	Busch, Mike	TE	6-5 220	So.	Eldrige, IA
44	Cinefro, John	DE	6-2 212	Jr.	Clarendon Hills., IL
53	Cox, Chris	LB	6-4 215	Jr.	Urbandale, IA
14	Creasman, Tim	DB	6-1 197	Sr.	Boone, IA
46	Dabney, Robert*	DE	6-4 229	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
19	DeGennaro, Derek	QB	6-3 207	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
51	Doering, Pete	LB	6-4 210	So.	Mason City, IA
41	Dole, Jeff	DB	6-1 195	Jr.	Grundy Ctr., IA
17	Doran, Jim	DB	5-11 177	So.	Paton, IA
22	Eader, Dave	DB	5-10 171	So.	Elgin, IL
43	Edwards, Don	DE	6-2 225	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
15	Gloede, Greg	DB	6-0 180	So.	Schleswig, IA
78	Harris, Gene	OL	6-3 247	Jr.	Chicago Hgts., IL
42	Harris, Rodney	LB	6-3 185	Jr.	Miami, FL
33	Henderson, Joe*	FB	6-0 202	Jr.	Chicago, IL
39	Hentges, Chris	FB	6-0 218	Jr.	Jefferson City, MO
66	Heyn, David	C	6-1 252	Jr.	Iowa City, IA
26	Holmes, Todd	DB	6-0 187	So.	Algona, IA
61	Holm, Eric	OL	6-5 248	Fr.	Bloomington, MN
49	Hoskins, Anthony*	LB	6-1 231	Jr.	Detroit, MI
52	Hunter, Kent	LB	6-3 222	So.	Wheeling, IL
7	Kamies, Mark	QB	6-2 198	Fr.	Sheldon, IA
32	Kiska, Tom	FB	6-2 213	So.	Bolingbrook, IL
89	Lester, Marcus	TE	6-6 248	So.	Cincinnati, OH
79	Martin, Dave	OL	6-6 286	So.	Williams Bay, WI
73	Mitchell, Ben	OL	6-4 297	So.	Detroit, MI
55	Moore, Chris*	LB	6-2 215	Sr.	Salt Lake City, UT
62	Moore, Rich	C	6-5 260	So.	Willows, CA
46	Nickerson, Sylvester	TB	5-10 201	So.	Miami, FL
47	Patten, Alan	DT	6-3 229	Jr.	Harlan, IA
10	Petersen, Bobby	QB	6-5 206	So.	Palatine, IL
25	Piper, Casey	DB	6-2 182	So.	Okoboji, IA
59	Richards, Randy	LB	6-3 234	Sr.	Urbandale, IA
86	Ross, Dennis*	WR	6-3 197	Jr.	Detroit, MI
6	Sadek, Brett	QB	6-2 197	Sr.	Apple Valley, MN
97	Sandbloom, Ken	DT	6-5 262	Sr.	Fountain Vly., CA
82	Schulting, Tom*	WR	5-11 171	Sr.	Walnut Creek, CA
45	Shane, Mike	LB	6-2 216	Jr.	Converse, IN
9	Shudak, Jeff	K-P	5-10 177	Fr.	Council Bluffs, IA
69	Sims, Keith*	OT	6-3 309	Jr.	Watchung, NJ
64	Smith, John	C	6-2 261	Sr.	Manilla, IA
88	Stawniak, Tom*	TE	6-5 241	Sr.	Omaha, NE
31	Thibodeaux, Paul	TB	6-0 195	So.	Chicago, IL
71	Twit, Randy	OL	6-3 308	So.	W. Des Moines, IA
54	Van Hoosen, Trent	DE	6-3 230	Fr.	Newton, IA
37	Vondra, Charlie	LB	6-0 186	So.	Ames, IA
38	Warren, Curtis	RB	6-0 201	Sr.	Midwest City, OK
21	Welding, Chad	DB	6-6 198	Jr.	Sioux City, IA
57	Wells, Ricky	OL	6-3 269	Jr.	San Bernardino, CA
95	Williams, Eugene	OL	6-2 307	Fr.	Omaha, NE

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (5); Defense (4); Kickers (0).

CYCLONE RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game: 271 Dave Hoppman vs. Kansas St., 1961
Season: 1312 Dwayne Crutchfield, 1980
Career: 3757 Dexter Green, 1975-78

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game: 346 David Archer vs. Nebraska, 1983
Season: 2639 David Archer, 1983
Career: 4104 David Archer, 1982-83

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game: 16 T. Henderson vs. Kansas St., 1983
Season: 81 Tracy Henderson, 1983
Career: 150 Tracy Henderson, 1982-present

Longest Run: 98 Meredith Warner vs. Iowa Pre-Flight, 1943
Longest Pass: 89 Don Ferguson to Carl Paetz vs. Kansas, 1946

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QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 6-5-0; 3-4-0 5th Big 8.
Head Coach: Jim Walden (Iowa St. record: 0-0; Overall record: 44-52-4), Wyoming '60.
Off. Coordinator: Jim Walden.
Def. Coordinator: Robin Ross, Wash. St. '77.
Offense: Multiple. ***Defense:*** 4-3.
All-Star Candidates: LB-Chris Moore, TE-Tom Stawniak, OT-Keith Sims.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Beck, Adam	DB	5-11 175	Alexandria, VA
*Carreathers, Ray	DB	6-2 180	Inkster, MI
Dooley, Ted	DL	6-3 250	Lisle, IL
Ernst, Mike	DT	6-5 255	Preston, IA
Glotfelty, John	QB	6-0 175	Ames, IA
Henkel, Lance	OL	6-4 235	Des Moines, IA
*Johnston, Judge	P	6-1 185	Scottsdale, AZ
Jones, Edwin	RB	5-11 185	Lk. View Trrc., CA
Kooi, John	TE-WR	6-4 215	Lockport, IL
*Moore, Rich	C	6-4 265	Willows, CA
Ratigan, Larry	DL	6-4 210	Council Bluffs, IA
Rehberg, Mathew	DL	6-5 220	Omaha, NE
Robertson, Marcus	DB	6-2 175	Pasadena, CA
*Williams, Lopez	DB	5-10 180	Duarte, CA

* denotes junior college transfer

KANSAS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
68	Allen, Jay*	OG	6-3 250	Jr.	Wichita, KS
90	Avery, Eldridge*	DT	6-3 255	Sr.	Carson, CA
25	Bredesen, Rick*	LB	6-1 230	Sr.	Overland Park, KS
47	Brehm, John	WR	6-1 185	Jr.	Lakewood, CO
13	Bryant, Vince	FS	6-2 205	So.	Hutchinson, KS
51	Budde, Chip	C	6-2 260	Fr.	Lawrence, KS
34	Caldwell, Ronnie*	WR	6-0 180	Sr.	Wichita, KS
52	Carlson, Scott*	DE	6-6 235	Jr.	Beatrice, NE
33	Clayton, Rick*	LB	6-3 230	Jr.	Arvada, CO
67	Cohane, Bryan	OG	6-3 240	Fr.	Boca Raton, FL
60	Davidson, Dru	LB	6-2 227	Fr.	Johnson, KS
70	Davis, Jim*	OT	6-6 260	Sr.	Leawood, KS
57	Dinnel, Mike	LB	6-4 230	Fr.	Commerce City, CO
14	Donohoe, Kelly*	QB	6-1 175	So.	Harrisonville, MO
6	Eanes, C.J.	CB	5-9 170	Jr.	Salina, KS
31	Fisher, Mike*	CB	5-9 180	Sr.	La Puente, CA
58	Foster, Rob	LS	6-0 240	Sr.	Lawrence, KS
16	Garner, Milt*	CB	5-11 195	Sr.	Kansas City, KS
82	Gordon, David	DE	6-4 230	Fr.	Independence, KS
10	Granderson, Johnny	CB	6-2 188	Jr.	Kansas City, MO
59	Grattan, Dave	C	6-2 250	Jr.	Kansas City, MO
80	Harris, Rodney	WR	5-10 185	Jr.	Chicago, IL
35	Harvey, Tony	WR	6-0 195	Sr.	Salina, KS
39	Henson, Stacy*	LB	6-1 235	Sr.	Kansas City, MO
20	Hinkle, Brad	FS	6-3 190	Fr.	Olathe, KS
44	Hoover, Ray	LB	6-2 215	Sr.	Overland Park, KS
65	Howard, Bryan	OG	6-5 280	Sr.	Woodland Hills, CA
76	Hundelt, Bill	OT	6-5 260	So.	Lenexa, KS
64	Isham, Steve	OG	6-4 265	Jr.	Aurora, CO
83	Jordan, Tracy	TE	6-4 245	Fr.	Denver, CO
55	Kerns, Kurt	DT	6-2 235	Jr.	Hays, KS
69	Koncz, Mark	DT	6-4 255	So.	Barrington, IL
72	Lacey, Von	OG	6-5 290	Sr.	Del City, OK
30	Ledford, Tim	RB	6-1 230	Sr.	Chino, CA
2	Lofton, Undra	CB	5-10 175	Sr.	Dallas, TX
50	Long, Mike	LB	6-0 200	Jr.	Kansas City, MO
32	Mattox, Marvin	SS	6-4 205	Sr.	Pomona, CA
73	Newman, Teddy*	DE	6-4 245	Sr.	Las Vegas, NV
75	Nielsen, Chris	OT	6-6 280	Jr.	Wichita, KS
8	Normore, Clint	FS	6-0 190	Jr.	Wichita, KS
15	Orth, Mike	QB	6-5 210	Sr.	Liberal, KS
84	Parks, Mark*	TE	6-5 230	Sr.	Hiawatha, KS
77	Pawlak, Brian	OT	6-5 245	Fr.	Prospect Hgts., IL
71	Pieper, Bob*	OT	6-5 280	Sr.	Morrison, CO
93	Pirrie, Mike	LB	6-3 220	So.	Barrington, IL
88	Ray, Murphy	WR	6-2 175	Sr.	Struthers, OH
48	Rieth, Rich*	P	5-11 180	Sr.	Milwaukee, WI
24	Rogers, Mike	RB	6-1 205	Sr.	Smith Center, KS
81	Samuel, Peda	WR	5-9 160	Jr.	Iola, KS
36	Schriner, Scott	RB	5-11 190	Sr.	Lenexa, KS
41	Shields, Warren	RB	6-1 215	Jr.	Kansas City, KS
12	Smith, Mac*	K	6-2 185	So.	Jackson, MS
22	Snell, Arnold*	RB	6-0 205	Jr.	Mt. Vernon, NY
98	Stewart, Jon	DE	6-5 235	Sr.	San Jose, CA
74	Stoppel, Craig	OG	6-5 230	Fr.	Lawrence, KS
1	Vaughn, Willie*	WR	6-0 185	Jr.	Kansas City, KS
62	Walton, Dave	DT	6-7 240	Fr.	Sioux City, IA
89	Wedel, Brad	TE	6-5 230	Sr.	Canton, KS
79	Werner, Mike	OT	6-5 270	Sr.	Topeka, KS
97	White, David	DT	6-5 270	Sr.	Junction City, KS

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (8); Defense (8); Kickers (2).

JAYHAWK RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game: 294 Nolan Cromwell vs. Oregon St., 1975
Season: 1181 Laverne Smith, 1974
Career: 3192 Laverne Smith, 1973-76

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game: 480 Mike Norseth vs. Vanderbilt, 1985
Season: 2995 Mike Norseth, 1985
Career: 6140 Frank Seurer, 1980-83

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game: 10 Bob Johnson vs. Kansas St., 1983
Season: 70 Richard Estell, 1985
Career: 117 Richard Estell, 1982-85

Longest Run: 99 Gale Sayers vs. Nebraska, 1963
Longest Pass: 97 Bill Fenton to Willie Ray Smith vs. Texas Tech, 1965

Information provided by Doug Vance, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 3-8-0; 0-7-0 8th Big 8.
Head Coach: Bob Valesente (Kansas record: 3-8-0; Overall record: 3-8-0), Ithaca '62.
Offensive Coordinator: Gary Huff, Florida State '72.
Defensive Coordinator: Dave Dunkleberger, Cincinnati '63.
Offense: Multiple. ***Defense:*** 4-3.
All-Star Candidates: WR-Willie Vaughn, OT-Jim Davis, OT-Bob Pieper, TB-Arnold Snell, DE-Teddy Newman, LB-Rick Bredesen.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
*Adams, Tim	DT	6-5 260	Cimarron, KS
Allen, Mongo	LB	6-2 215	Del City, OK
Autenreith, John	DB	6-2 190	Houston, TX
Barker, Tony	LB-DE	6-4 240	Wichita, KS
Blaser, Wolf	TE	6-5 260	Topeka, KS
Bowen, Russ	OT	6-4 255	Parsons, KS
Dunne, David	OG	6-5 265	Burbank, IL
Flachsbarth, Lance	QB	6-5 210	Lawrence, KS
Geveshausen, Chuck	OL	6-4 240	Omaha, NE
Hatchett, Frank	TB	5-11 185	El Dorado, KS
Holland, Smith	OL	6-4 240	Shawnee Mission, KS
Hooks, Maurice	TB	6-0 190	Omaha, NE
Hopper, Phil	DT	6-5 225	Kansas City, MO
Jenkins, Tim	RB	6-0 180	Crystal River, FL
Moore, Curtis	DB	6-1 190	Wichita, KS
New, Jim	WR	6-1 175	Houston, TX
**Nielson, Chris	OT	6-6 280	Wichita, KS
**Normore, Clint	DB	6-1 195	Wichita, KS
Page, Mike	DB-WR	6-0 185	Omaha, NE
Priest, Jason	DB-WR	6-0 160	Plains, KS
Robben, Roger	FB	6-1 230	Wichita, KS
Schenker, Kyle	QB	6-6 220	Oswego, KS
Shepherd, Jason	OC	6-2 270	Houston, TX
Siebenmorgan, Chris	DE	6-5 220	Kansas City, MO
Snyder, Lance	DT	6-5 260	Oklahoma City, OK
Verdugo, Kevin	QB	6-4 200	Pittsburg, KS
Vidoli, Marino	OT	6-5 260	Cape Coral, FL
Vrbas, Mark	DE	6-6 225	Atwood, KS
Zaffaroni, Paul	LB	6-2 225	Ladue, MO

* denotes junior college transfer
** denotes major college transfer

KANSAS STATE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
94	Amos, Allen	LB	6-2 215	Fr.	Atlanta, GA
95	Baziel, Dewayne*	LB	6-3 200	So.	Galveston, TX
89	Blades, Eric	WR	6-0 160	So.	Valdosta, GA
9	Cobb, Chris	QB	6-4 190	Fr.	Dallas, TX
66	Collins, Mike	OL	6-5 265	Jr.	Las Vegas, NV
48	Cotton, Brent	TE	6-3 215	Sr.	Smith Ctr., KS
87	Cowings, Todd	WR	5-11 185	Sr.	Fresno, CA
81	Crawford, John	DT	6-2 225	So.	E. St. Louis, IL
80	Dean, Kent	TE	6-4 220	Sr.	Derby, KS
23	Easterwood, Robt.	DB	6-2 185	Jr.	Kansas City, KS
	Faulkner, Chad	OT	6-2 255	So.	Wichita, KS
62	Fleming, Shawn	OL	6-3 250	Fr.	Huntington Bch., CA
60	Garver, Matt*	OG	6-4 270	Sr.	Corydon, IA
45	Goldner, Dan	LB	6-3 215	Sr.	Chesterfield, MO
56	Goode, Rob*	C	6-1 245	Jr.	Manhattan, KS
42	Halliburton, Willie	DB	6-1 195	Sr.	Kansas City, KS
12	Hanson, Tim*	QB	6-1 190	Sr.	Westminster, CA
6	Harper, Erick*	DB	6-0 195	So.	Denison, TX
28	Henry, Maurice	FB	6-1 215	So.	Salina, KS
7	Herds, Tyreese*	DB	5-10 190	So.	Tampa, FL
83	Hughes, Dan*	WR	5-11 165	Sr.	Overland Pk., KS
29	Jordan, Tony*	TB	6-3 220	Sr.	Rochester, NY
19	Koch, Randy	DB	6-0 190	Jr.	Marysville, KS
35	Kriens, Mike	LB	6-3 225	Jr.	Fountain Valley, CA
17	Kruger, David	K	5-10 170	So.	Topeka, KS
4	Lambert, Brad	DB	5-11 180	Sr.	Hoxie, KS
44	Lewis, Rick	NG	6-2 240	Sr.	Scott City, KS
26	Lowe, Jeff	DB	6-0 200	So.	Irving, TX
58	MacDonald, Tim	DT	6-3 255	Sr.	Leawood, KS
67	McCain, Will	OL	6-4 255	So.	Omaha, NE
65	Mears, Rick	OL	6-5 260	Fr.	Auburndale, FL
96	Mickens, Charlie	LB	6-2 195	So.	Galveston, TX
16	Miller, Marcus	DB	6-0 165	So.	Miami, FL
50	Morris, Wes	C	6-4 220	So.	Wilburton, OK
34	Newton, Grady*	LB	6-1 225	Sr.	Bonner Sprgs., KS
78	Oehm, Jim*	NG	6-3 235	Jr.	Marysville, KS
3	Olson, Ken	P	6-3 195	Jr.	Sacramento, CA
52	Pacchioli, Bob	OL	6-2 265	Fr.	Easton, PA
30	Pickett, Leatrice	RB	6-1 225	Jr.	Webb, MS
1	Porter, Mark*	K	6-0 180	Jr.	Salina, KS
18	Richards, Terry	DB	5-10 180	So.	Rochester, NY
61	Schwartz, Alan	OG	6-5 245	Jr.	Hoisington, KS
20	Scott, Dimitrie	TB	5-10 155	Jr.	Cleveland, TX
53	Seitzinger, Tom	OL	6-1 290	Fr.	Schuylkill Hvn., PA
93	Singletary, Vantz	LB	6-0 220	Jr.	Houston, TX
54	Smith, Alan	DL	6-4 210	So.	Farmers Branch, TX
64	Stange, Russ	OG	6-6 260	Jr.	Cypress, CA
10	Straw, Carl	QB	6-1 210	Fr.	Fair Lawn, NJ
15	Swim, Gary	QB	6-3 195	Jr.	Vernal, UT
5	Tolbert, Lawrence	WR	6-2 200	Jr.	Garden Cty., KS
99	Wackerly, Brandon	OT	6-4 225	Jr.	Muldrow, OK
33	Wallace, David	LB	6-1 220	Sr.	Vero Beach, FL
59	Wallerstedt, Matt	LB	5-11 220	Sr.	Manhattan, KS
14	Watson, Paul	QB	6-2 180	Fr.	Kansas City, MO
49	Whittle, Lorne	LB	6-1 190	So.	Riverside, CA
88	Williams, John	WR	6-0 185	Sr.	Lakeland, FL
24	Wilson, Ray*	FB	6-1 210	Sr.	McPherson, KS
2	Wyatt, Darrell	WR	5-8 160	Jr.	Athens, TX
68	Yniguez, Paul	OL	6-3 260	Jr.	La Mirada, CA
76	Zabelin, Eric	OL	6-1 255	So.	Olathe, KS

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (6); Defense (5); Kickers (1).

WILDCAT RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game: 200 L.J. Brown vs. Air Force, 1979
Season: 1137 Isaac Jackson, 1973
Career: 2182 Isaac Jackson, 1971-73

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game: 439 Lynn Dickey vs. Colorado, 1969
Season: 2476 Lynn Dickey, 1969
Career: 6208 Lynn Dickey, 1968-70

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game: 12 Mack Herron vs. Colorado, 1969
Season: 57 John Goerger, 1972
Career: 127 Dave Jones, 1966-68

Longest Run: 96 Gerald Hackney vs. Kansas, 1948
Longest Pass: 95 L. Brown to F. Starns vs. Colorado, 1951

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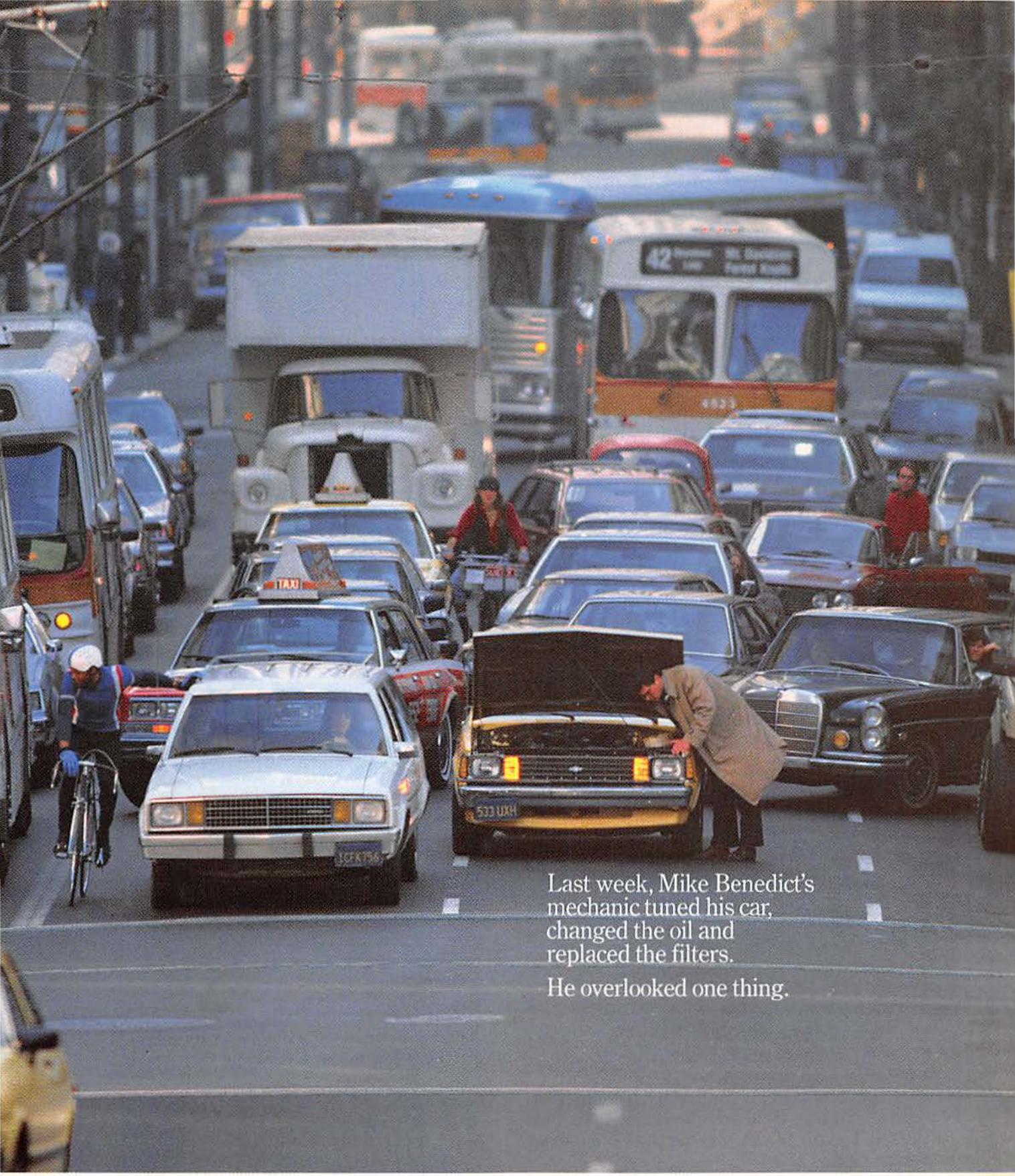
QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 2-9-0; 1-6-0 7th Big 8.
Head Coach: Stan Parrish (Kansas St. record: 2-9-0; Overall record: 57-20-2), Heidelberg '68.
Offensive Coordinator: None.
Defensive Coordinator: Jerry Hartman, Michigan '69.
Offense: Multiple. ***Defense:*** 50.
All-Star Candidates: TB-Tony Jordan, DB-Robert Easterwood, LB-Grady Newton.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
*Adams, Haywood	DT	6-8 270	Marion, TX
*Anderson, Don	OL	6-4 265	Las Vegas, NV
Ball, Gar	WR	5-11 180	Manhattan, KS
*Blackbourne, Doug	DT	6-4 245	Oakham, MA
*Bradford, Emmett	DB	5-11 180	Forney, TX
Carter, Chris	TE	6-6 230	Overland Park, KS
*Collins, Mike	OL	6-5 265	Las Vegas, NV
Dulan, Antoine	RB	6-2 180	Topeka, KS
Enin-Okut, James	DE-FB	6-1 205	Carrollton, TX
Johnson, Rod	DL	6-4 220	Dallas, TX
*Johnson, Tony	DE	6-3 220	Winona, TX
*Kriens, Mike	LB	6-3 225	Fountain Valley, CA
Lawrence, Bobby	DL	6-2 230	Andover, KS
Madden, Curtis	FB	6-1 205	Denison, TX
Martin, Chris	DB	5-10 170	Duncanville, TX
Needham, Danny	DB	6-0 190	Plano, TX
*Olson, Ken	P	6-3 195	Sacramento, CA
Pearson, Emanuel	DB	5-11 180	Carrollton, TX
*Pickett, Leatrice	RB	6-1 225	Webb, MS
*Ratcliff, Michael	DB	6-2 185	Montgomery, TX
*Schwartz, Alan	OG	6-5 245	Hoisington, KS
*Singletary, Vantz	LB	6-0 220	Houston, TX
Smedra, Dan	DL	6-3 245	Chanute, KS
Smith, Alan	DL	6-4 210	Farmers Branch, TX
*Stange, Russ	OG	6-6 260	Cypress, CA
*Swim, Gary	QB	6-3 195	Vernal, UT
Thompson, Chris	DB	5-11 170	Dallas, TX
*Wackerly, Brandon	DT	6-4 255	Muldrow, OK
Warren, Doug	L	6-5 260	Augusta, KS
Watson, Paul	QB	6-2 180	Kansas City, MO
*Wyatt, Darrell	WR	5-8 160	Athens, TX
*Yniguez, Paul	OL	6-3 260	La Mirada, CA

* denotes junior college transfer



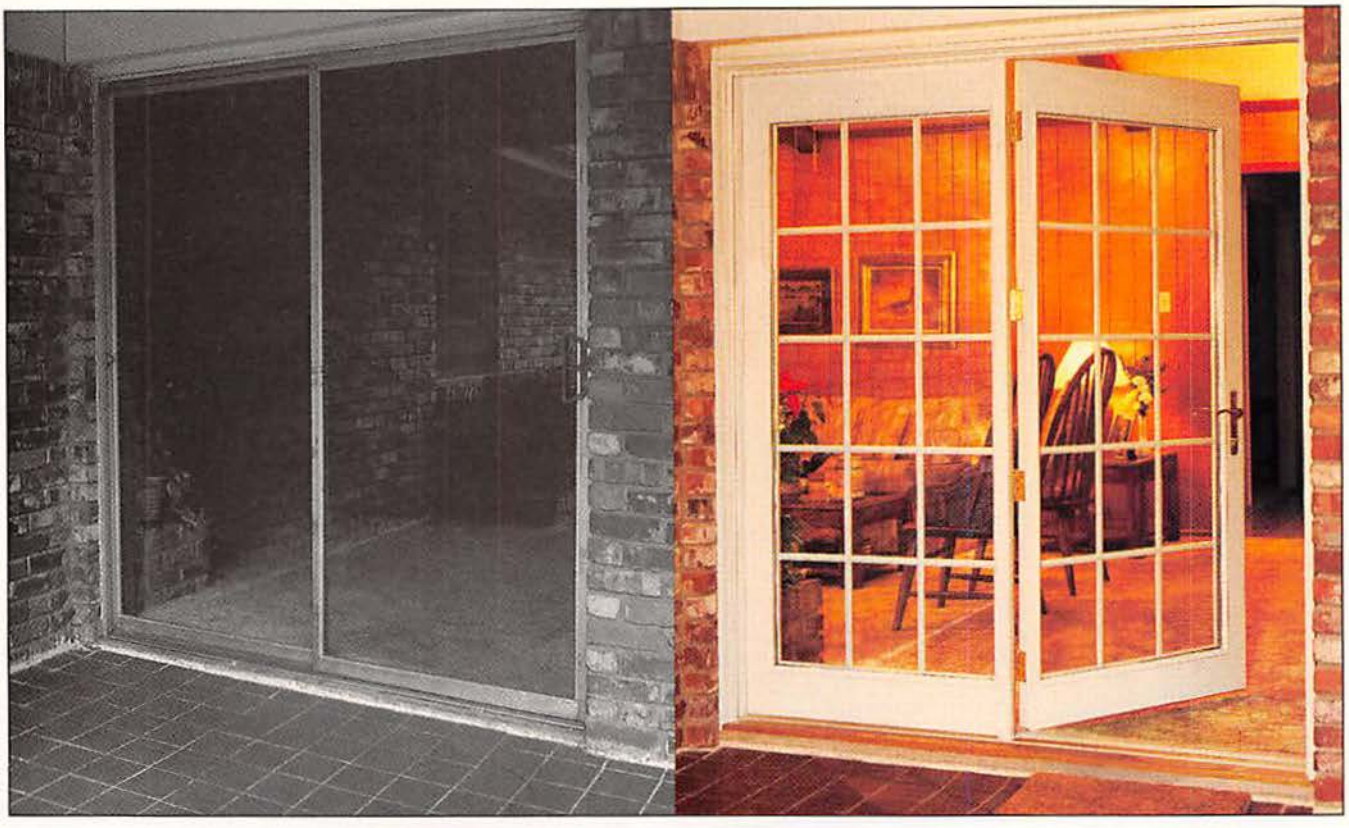
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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
73	Bax, Carl	OT	6-5 270	Jr.	St. Charles, MO
71	Beaudean, Marland	DE	6-5 260	Sr.	Sikeston, MO
84	Boliaux, Mike	TE	6-2 235	Sr.	Des Plaines, IL
89	Bruton, Tim	TE	6-5 222	Fr.	Houston, TX
15	Cameron, Ronnie*	QB	6-1 196	Jr.	E. St. Louis, IL
6	Cockrell, Bruce	RB	6-0 195	Sr.	Houston, TX
20	Cook, Brent	QB	6-2 195	So.	Moore, OK
	Corl, Ben	OLB	6-2 224	So.	Jefferson City, MO
91	Cross, Jeff*	DE	6-4 241	Sr.	Blythe, CA
58	Darling, Darryl*	NT	6-2 250	Jr.	Hallandale, FL
97	Decker, Jon	DE	6-5 257	Fr.	Owensville, MO
88	Delpino, Robert*	RB	6-0 198	Sr.	Dodge City, KS
66	Dryden, Rob	OT	6-9 320	Fr.	St. Charles, MO
36	Ekern, Kirk	OLB	6-1 215	Sr.	Mexico, MO
24	Fletcher, Jerold	OLB	6-2 216	So.	Bonner Spgs., KS
63	Greenwood, Jay	OT	6-4 278	So.	Sikeston, MO
95	Grossich, Darin	DE	6-2 246	Sr.	Colton, CA
14	Henningsen, Jeff	QB	5-11 191	Sr.	Omaha, NE
33	Jensen, Chris	FB	6-2 237	Jr.	Marshall, MO
99	Johnson, Byrian	DE	6-2 230	Sr.	Houston, TX
98	Johnson, Lee	ILB	6-1 251	So.	Florissant, MO
2	Jones, Adrian*	CB	6-0 171	So.	Hollywood, FL
33	Keil, Vince	ILB	6-1 216	Sr.	Florissant, MO
79	Keough, Mark	DE	6-7 251	Fr.	St. Louis, MO
7	Lammers, Craig	WR	5-9 161	Jr.	Jefferson Cty., MO
61	Lazalier, Ray	NT	6-2 247	So.	Lake St. Louis, MO
86	Linthacum, Larry	TE	6-7 225	Fr.	Bethany, MO
64	Lock, Andy	OT	6-3 273	So.	Carrollton, MO
11	Logan, Mike	QB	6-4 215	Fr.	Fulton, MO
52	Lowe, Chris	OG	6-2 257	Jr.	Sikeston, MO
55	MacDonald, Darren*	ILB	6-1 203	So.	Ellisville, MO
59	May, Brad	OLB	6-2 234	Jr.	Humphreys, MO
47	McGhee, Doug	FB	6-2 219	Sr.	Florissant, MO
96	McMillan, Erik*	SS	6-2 196	Sr.	Silver Spring, MD
	Means, Chris	ILB	6-0 219	Sr.	San Francisco, CA
19	Mitchell, Ron	WS	6-0 186	Sr.	Orlando, FL
16	Mitchell, Scott	SS	6-3 191	So.	St. Louis, MO
93	Monachino, Ted	ILB	6-2 227	So.	Bethany, MO
28	Moore, Victor	FS	5-11 184	Sr.	Bixby, OK
83	Murphy, Charles	WS	6-1 193	So.	Hollywood, FL
10	Pointer, Ron	WR	6-0 154	So.	St. Louis, MO
65	Ponzer, Brian	OG	6-1 256	So.	Kansas City, MO
23	Ray, Pat*	CB	5-10 177	Jr.	Butler, MO
38	Reeves, Brian	FB	6-2 210	So.	Overland Pk., KS
60	Rigman, Jeff*	OG	6-2 277	Sr.	Manchester, MO
	Rodbro, Mike	ILB	6-3 227	So.	Lincolnshire, IL
70	Schreiber, Phil	OG	6-3 257	Sr.	Kokomo, IN
54	Scott, Michael	OG	6-5 270	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
51	Scott, Pete	C	6-4 257	So.	Decatur, IL
31	Stowers, Tommy	FB	6-3 215	So.	Kansas City, MO
67	Trumbull, Rick	OT	6-6 270	Fr.	St. Louis, MO
32	Vandegrift, Steve*	DE	6-5 255	Jr.	Grandview, MO
5	VanZant, Tony	HB	6-1 183	Fr.	Florissant, MO
43	Wallace, Darrell*	RB	5-7 168	Sr.	Ft. Campbell, KY
30	Walters, Ron	ILB	6-3 237	Fr.	Blue Springs, MO
62	Washington, David	OG	6-2 257	So.	Kansas City, MO
3	Whelihan, Thomas*	P-K	5-11 197	So.	Carrollton, TX
75	White, Kevin	DE	6-4 254	So.	Arnold, MO
50	Wilson, Curtis	C	6-3 255	Jr.	Ponca City, OK

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (4); Defense (7); Kickers (1).

TIGER RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game:	240	Harry Ice vs. Kansas, 1941
Season:	1312	Joe Moore, 1969
Career:	2357	James Wilder, 1978-80

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game:	371	Steve Pisarkiewicz vs. Okla. St., 1975
Season:	1963	Terry McMillan, 1969
Career:	5352	Phil Bradley, 1977-80

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game:	9	John Henley vs. Oklahoma, 1970
	9	Herbert Johnson vs. Kansas, 1985
Season:	49	Herbert Johnson, 1985
Career:	101	Andy Gibler, 1979-82

Longest Run: 95 Harry Ice vs. Iowa St., 1941
Longest Pass: 98 Pete Woods to Joe Stewart vs. Nebraska, 1976

Information provided by Bob Brendel, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 3-8-0; 2-5-0 6th Big 8.
Head Coach: Woody Widenhofer (Missouri record: 4-18-0; Overall record: 4-18-0), Missouri '65.
Offensive Coordinator: Wright Anderson, Elon '68.
Defensive Coordinator: Carl Reese, Missouri '66.
Offense: Flexbone.
Defense: 3-4.
All-Star Candidates: RB-Darrell Wallace, SS-Erik McMillan, K-Tom Whelihan, CB-Adrian Jones, QB-Ronnie Cameron.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Boykin, Terry	FB	5-10 190	St. Petersburg, FL
Christensen, Ken	DL	6-4 220	Florissant, MO
Colon, Harry	DB	6-0 185	Kansas City, KS
Dumas, Greg	LB	6-1 210	Norman, OK
*Elmore, Smiley	RB	5-9 202	Tulsa, OK
Fitzmaurice, Brad	QB	6-0 180	Jefferson City, MO
Frost, Clark	FB-LB	6-2 215	Jefferson City, MO
Hamilton, Alonzo	FB	6-1 185	Powder Spgs., GA
Johnson, Charles	DL	6-3 255	Springfield, MO
Jones, Kerry	OL	6-2 300	Titusville, FL
Jones, Michael	FB	6-2 190	Kansas City, MO
Leach, Skip	QB	5-9 165	Louisville, KY
Moore, Sean	RB	5-10 190	Springfield, MO
Pazell, George	LB	6-2 212	Kansas City, MO
Quint, Charles	RB	5-11 180	Marshall, MO
Reiner, Tom	LB	6-2 223	San Ramon, CA
Roberts, Curtis	LB	6-4 220	Kansas City, MO
Russell, Chris	DL	6-0 225	Kansas City, MO
Russo, Jim	DL	5-11 245	Florissant, MO
Scrivner, Brad	DB	6-0 170	Jefferson City, MO
Taylor, Andy	TE	6-4 210	Kansas City, KS
Thompson, Craig	DL	6-4 240	Houston, TX
Thurman, John	DE	6-8 250	Festus, MO
Washington, Sharron	DB	6-0 180	St. Louis, MO
Welch, Corey	QB	6-2 185	Kansas City, KS
Williams, Anthony	FB	6-1 225	Kansas City, KS
Wright, Don	DL	6-3 241	Columbia, MO

* denotes junior college transfer

NEBRASKA

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
59	Anderson, Jeff	C	6-3 265	So.	Norfolk, NE
87	Banderas, Tom*	TE	6-2 243	Sr.	Oak Grove, MO
21	Bell, Richard	WB	6-0 193	So.	Altadena, CA
12	Blakeman, Clete	QB	6-1 186	Sr.	Norfolk, NE
23	Blazek, Mark	S	6-2 202	Jr.	Valparaiso, NE
69	Bobbora, Bill	OT	6-3 265	So.	Amarillo, TX
33	Brinson, Dana*	WB	5-9 172	Jr.	Valdosta, GA
32	Clark, Ken	IB	5-9 198	So.	Omaha, NE
7	Clayton, McCathorn	CB	5-11 188	Sr.	Orlando, FL
26	Dalton, Doug	FB	5-10 204	Jr.	Cortland, OH
44	Drennan, Chris	K	5-9 173	So.	Cypress, CA
47	Etienne, LeRoy	SLB	6-1 229	Jr.	New Iberia, LA
51	Ferguson, Brad	SLB	6-0 216	So.	Chadron, NE
38	Forch, Steve	WLB	6-2 240	Sr.	Lincoln, NE
4	Fryar, Charles*	CB	5-10 173	Jr.	Burlington, NJ
73	Green, Derrick	OT	6-1 297	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
19	Gregory, Morgan	SE	6-0 184	So.	Denver, CO
52	Groskurth, Danny	DT	6-4 253	Sr.	Beemer, NE
82	Hawkins, Hendley	SE	5-9 183	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
48	Heibel, Micah	FB	6-1 223	Sr.	Lincoln, NE
8	Hicks, Lorenzo	CB	5-11 195	Jr.	Kansas City, MO
70	Hudson, Corey Bill	OT	6-3 270	Sr.	Belvidere, NE
4	Jackson, Tim	S	6-0 196	So.	Dallas, TX
80	Jamrog, Jeff	DE	6-1 218	Sr.	Omaha, NE
55	Jobman, Randall	SLB	6-3 229	So.	Lisco, NE
6	Jones, Keith*	IB	5-10 180	Sr.	Omaha, NE
98	Jones, Lee*	DT	6-1 244	Sr.	Omaha, NE
65	Keeler, Andy	OG	6-3 264	Jr.	Omaha, NE
40	Kelley, Jon	IB	6-1 193	Sr.	Lincoln, NE
34	Knox, Tyreese	IB	5-10 216	Jr.	Daly City, CA
46	Kroeker, John*	P	5-11 173	Jr.	Henderson, NE
57	Lightner, Keven	OT	6-2 286	Sr.	Hastings, NE
93	Marco, Jon	DE	6-1 222	Jr.	Bellevue, NE
61	McCormick, John*	OG	6-1 270	Sr.	Omaha, NE
43	Millikan, Todd	TE	6-3 236	Jr.	Shenandoah, IA
42	Mills, Jeff	DE	6-3 221	So.	Montclair, NJ
86	Neubert, Keith	TE	6-5 240	Sr.	Ft. Atkinson, WI
63	Nichols, John	C	6-2 264	Sr.	Littleton, CO
96	Pete, Lawrence	MG	6-1 271	Jr.	Wichita, KS
92	Putnam, Sean	MG	6-3 266	Jr.	O'Neill, NE
20	Rodgers, Terry	IB	5-7 160	So.	National City, CA
64	Roschal, John	OG	6-3 265	So.	Houston, TX
78	Rother, Tim	DT	6-6 267	Sr.	Bellevue, NE
25	Schmidt, Sam	FB	6-0 226	So.	Wood River, NE
66	Skradis, Kurt	DT	6-3 261	Jr.	Omaha, NE
62	Sledge, Bob	OT	6-2 270	So.	Omaha, NE
99	Smith, Neil	DT	6-5 261	Sr.	New Orleans, LA
88	Smith, Rod*	SE	6-0 137	Sr.	Thornton, CO
56	Stanard, Steve	DE	6-1 220	Jr.	Lincoln, NE
9	Taylor, Steve*	QB	6-0 194	Jr.	San Diego, CA
89	Thomas, Broderick*	DE	6-3 237	Jr.	Houston, TX
11	Tomjack, Jeff	SS	6-1 212	Sr.	Ewing, NE
75	Valladao, Ray	DT	6-3 244	So.	Atwater, CA
27	Walker, Cartier	CB	5-10 174	So.	Atlantic City, NJ
83	Walker, Kenny	DE	6-3 216	So.	Crane, TX
5	Washington, Brian*	SS	6-1 222	Sr.	Highland Spgs., VA
91	Wells, Kent	MG	6-4 295	So.	Lincoln, NE
37	Welniak, Doug	WLB	5-10 215	Sr.	Elyria, NE
24	Wiley, Dante	WLB	6-0 240	Jr.	Jeannette, PA
15	Wooten, Wendell	S	6-1 200	Jr.	La Marque, TX
68	Young, Jake	OG	6-4 252	So.	Midland, TX

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (6); Defense (4); Kickers (1).

CORNHUSKER RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game:	285	Mike Rozier vs. Kansas, 1983
Season:	2148	Mike Rozier, 1983
Career:	4780	Mike Rozier, 1981-83

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game:	297	David Humm vs. Wisconsin, 1973
Season:	2074	David Humm, 1972
Career:	5035	David Humm, 1972-74

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game:	14	D. Richnafsky vs. Kansas St., 1967
Season:	55	Johnny Rodgers, 1972
Career:	143	Johnny Rodgers, 1970-72

Longest Run: 94 Craig Johnson vs. Kansas, 1979
94 Roger Craig vs. Florida St., 1981
Longest Pass: 95 F. Duda to F. White vs. Colorado, 1965

Information provided by Don Bryant, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 10-2-0; 5-2-0 3rd Big 8.
Head Coach: Tom Osborne (Nebraska record: 137-32-2; Overall record: 137-32-2), Hastings College '59.
Offensive Coordinator: Tom Osborne.
Defensive Coordinator: Charlie McBride, Colorado '62.
Offense: I-formation.
Defense: 5-2.
All-Star Candidates: DE-Broderick Thomas, QB-Steve Taylor, IB-Keith Jones, WB-Dana Brinson, OG-John McCormick, SS-Brian Washington, LB-LeRoy Etienne, DLT-Neil Smith.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Achola, George	RB	5-11 192	Omaha, NE
Boerboom, Brian	OL	6-7 255	Colorado Spgs., CO
Brown, Brian	DT	6-5 201	Indianola, NE
*Carpenter, Bryan	RB	5-10 195	Olathe, KS
Chaney, Jeff	OT	6-2 240	Friona, TX
Cooper, Reggie	DE-SS	6-3 190	Slidell, LA
Croel, Mike	WB-DE	6-4 210	Sudbury, MA
Engelbert, Pat	L	6-2 218	Columbus, NE
Flowers, Leodis	RB	5-11 195	Omaha, NE
Garrett, Chris	TE-DE	6-4 206	Snyder, TX
Herman, Tim	LB	6-6 240	Lincoln, NE
*Jackson, Tim	S	6-0 196	Dallas, TX
Joseph, Mickey	QB	5-10 170	New Orleans, LA
Keneipp, Wayne	OT	6-3 260	Chicago, IL
Leise, Daryl	DE-LB	6-3 215	Omaha, NE
Lewis, Tahaun	CB	5-11 162	Colorado Spgs., CO
Lohmeier, Dan	TE	6-5 220	Omaha, NE
McCant, Keithen	QB	6-2 180	Grand Prairie, TX
Sims, Joe	LB-DT	6-4 230	Sudbury, MA
Thomas, William	S	6-1 180	Houston, TX
Turner, Nate	WB	6-1 205	Chicago, IL
Wiegert, Erik	L	6-4 242	Fremont, NE

NOTRE DAME

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
80	Alaniz, Steve	SE	6-2 189	Jr.	Edinburg, TX
90	Alm, Jeff	DT	6-6 242	So.	Orland Park, IL
2	Andrysiak, Terry	QB	6-1 184	Sr.	Allen Park, MI
37	Banks, Braxston	FB	6-2 207	So.	Hayward, CA
57	Baugus, James	C	6-4 249	Sr.	Dunwoody, GA
8	Belles, Steve	QB	6-3 206	Jr.	Phoenix, AZ
19	Bobb, James	FS	6-0 178	Sr.	Port Arthur, TX
47	Bolcar, Ned	ILB	6-2 235	Jr.	Phillipsburg, NJ
71	Brown, Dean	OG	6-2 273	So.	Canton, OH
81	Brown, Tim*	FL	6-0 195	Sr.	Dallas, TX
4	Byrne, Tom	OLB	6-5 226	Sr.	Pacifica, CA
58	Cegielski, Jason	OT	6-2 254	So.	Chicago, IL
77	Crounse, Michael	DT	6-2 255	So.	Endicott, NY
97	Dingens, Matt	DT	6-6 260	Sr.	Bloomfield Hills, MI
82	Dumas, Ray	FL	6-1 176	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
44	Eason, Tony	SE	6-3 207	Sr.	Snohomish, WA
48	Figaro, Cedric*	OLB	6-2 246	Sr.	Lafayette, LA
59	Flannery, Bryan	DT	6-3 247	So.	Lakewood, OH
	Foley, John	OLB	6-3 228	So.	Chicago, IL
32	Francisco, D'Juan	TB	5-11 182	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
65	Freeman, Tom*	OG	6-4 265	Sr.	Mission Hills, KS
38	Gordon, Darrell	OLB	6-3 210	Sr.	Hillside, NJ
87	Gorman, Tom	DT	6-6 260	Jr.	Evergreen Park, IL
11	Graham, Pete	QB	6-3 210	Jr.	Rumson, NJ
24	Green, Mark*	TB	5-11 181	Jr.	Riverside, CA
94	Griffin, Mike*	DT	6-4 246	Sr.	Cleveland Hts., OH
75	Grunhard, Tim	OT	6-3 271	So.	Chicago, IL
46	Harris, Gregory	ILB	6-1 195	Sr.	Baton Rouge, LA
88	Heck, Andy	TE	6-6 248	Jr.	Annandale, VA
59	Hudson, Greg	OLB	6-2 232	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
3	Jefferson, Alonzo	TB	5-7 188	Sr.	W. Palm Beach, FL
22	Johnson, Anthony	FB	6-0 216	So.	South Bend, IN
79	Killian, Chuck	OT	6-5 263	Jr.	Philadelphia, PA
93	Kunz, Jeff	DT	6-5 256	Sr.	Palm Bch. Gdns., FL
28	Kvochak, Chris	CB	6-1 182	Sr.	Vancouver, WA
51	Lanza, Chuck*	C	6-2 270	Sr.	Germantown, TN
70	Lippincott, Marty	OT	6-5 292	Jr.	Philadelphia, PA
91	McShane, Kevin	DT	6-1 220	So.	Joliet, IL
17	Miller, Alvin	SE	6-3 206	Sr.	Kirkwood, MO
40	Morrison, Rich	DT	6-3 248	Jr.	Lynchburg, VA
55	Nigro, Mark	DT	6-3 249	Jr.	Lombard, IL
62	Pearson, Jeff	OG	6-2 250	So.	Chicago, IL
34	Pritchett, Wes	ILB	6-5 234	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
41	Quinn, Dan	OLB	6-3 232	Jr.	Encinitas, CA
76	Rehder, Tom*	OT	6-7 263	Sr.	Santa Maria, CA
	Rice, Tony	QB	6-2 190	So.	Woodruff, SC
21	Robb, Aaron	FL	6-1 190	Jr.	Coeur d'Alene, ID
61	Rokich, Pete	OT	6-7 262	Sr.	Salt Lake City, UT
29	Smagala, Stan	CB	5-11 177	So.	Burbank, IL
31	Southall, Corny	SS	6-1 186	Jr.	Rochester, NY
25	Spence, Marv*	CB	5-10 179	Sr.	Chester, PA
73	Spruell, Byron*	OT	6-4 279	Sr.	Aurora, OH
30	Stams, Frank	OLB	6-3 235	Sr.	Akron, OH
42	Stonebreaker, Mike	ILB	6-1 218	So.	River Ridge, LA
27	Streeter, George	SS	6-2 200	Jr.	Chicago, IL
46	Taylor, Pernell*	FB	5-11 218	Sr.	La Puente, CA
15	Terrell, Pat	SE	6-0 192	So.	St. Petersburg, FL
83	Ward, Reggie	FL	5-10 178	Sr.	Long Beach, CA
5	Wells, Brandy*	SS	6-0 186	Jr.	Montclair, NJ
35	Zackrison, Kurt	TE	6-3 228	Jr.	Elmhurst, IL

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (7); Defense (4); Kickers (0).

FIGHTING IRISH RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game:	255	Vagas Ferguson vs. Ga. Tech, 1978
Season:	1437	Vagas Ferguson, 1979
Career:	4131	Allen Pinkett, 1982-85

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game:	526	Joe Theismann vs. USC, 1970
Season:	2429	Joe Theismann, 1970
Career:	6527	Steve Beuerlein, 1983-86

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game:	13	Jim Seymour vs. Purdue, 1966
Season:	77	Tom Gatewood, 1970
Career:	157	Tom Gatewood, 1969-71

Longest Run: 92 Bob Livingstone vs. USC, 1947
Longest Pass: 96 Blair Kiel to Joe Howard vs. Ga. Tech, 1981

Information provided by Roger Valdiserri, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 5-6-0.
Head Coach: Lou Holtz (Notre Dame record: 5-6-0; Overall record: 121-71-5), Kent St. '59.
Offensive Coordinator: none.
Defensive Coordinator: Foge Fazio, Pitt '60.
Offense: Multiple, I-formation.
Defense: 3-4.
All-Star Candidates: FL-Tim Brown, OLB-Cedric Figaro, C-Chuck Lanza, OT-Byron Spruell.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Allen, Joe	L	6-5 255	Chicago, IL
Balentine, Norm	L	6-5 270	Florissant, MO
Brooks, Tony	RB	6-2 215	Tulsa, OK
Callan, Mike	L	6-4 240	Ardmore, PA
Carpenter, Bobby	QB	6-2 170	Amityville, NY
Coleman, Linc	RB	6-0 185	Dallas, TX
Dahl, Bob	L	6-4 240	Chagrin Falls, OH
Davis, Greg	RB	6-1 190	Hollywood, FL
Dowler, Brian	WR	6-0 175	Tampa, FL
Graham, Kent	QB	6-5 225	Wheaton, IL
Grimm, Don	ILB	6-2 205	Scottdale, PA
Hackett, Billy	K	6-1 180	Sarasota, FL
Heldt, Mike	L	6-4 265	Tampa, FL
Jacobs, Frank	TE	6-5 225	Cincinnati, OH
Jones, Andre	OLB	6-4 220	Hyattsville, MD
Kinsherf, Jim	L	6-5 240	Braintree, MA
Kowalkowski, Scott	OLB	6-3 235	Farmington Hills, MI
Lyght, Todd	WR	6-1 174	Flint, MI
Marshall, George	L	6-3 230	Somerset, NJ
Martin, Pierre	WR	6-0 178	Pensacola, FL
Mihalko, Ryan	RB	6-2 225	Pelham, NH
Rausch, Peter	L	6-6 235	Ft. Myers, FL
Rosenberg, David	ILB	6-3 208	Sarasota, FL
Ryan, Tim	ILB	6-4 240	Kansas City, MO
Sandri, Winston	L	6-4 245	Raleigh, NC
Shannon, Brian	L	6-5 230	New Wilmington, PA
Watters, Ricky	RB	6-3 180	Harrisburg, PA
Williams, George	L	6-4 280	Willingboro, NJ
Wodecki, Darryl	TE	6-5 240	Chagrin Falls, OH
Zorich, Chris	ILB	6-1 240	Chicago, IL

OKLAHOMA

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
28	Anderson, Rotnei	FB	6-1 210	Jr.	Dickinson, TX
85	Backes, Tom	DE	6-5 220	Fr.	El Paso, TX
74	Bennett, Gary	OG	6-3 272	Jr.	Evergreen, CO
83	Cabbiness, Carl	SE	6-1 190	Jr.	Tulsa, OK
45	Carr, Lydell*	FB	6-2 225	Sr.	Enid, OK
33	Collins, Patrick*	HB	5-10 185	Sr.	Tulsa, OK
73	Conner, Robert	OT	6-5 245	Fr.	Mangum, OK
36	Cooper, Adrian	LB	6-6 230	Fr.	Denver, CO
32	Counter, Ron	HB	5-10 185	Sr.	Houston, TX
15	Crudup, Derrick	DB	6-3 203	Sr.	Delray Beach, FL
41	Dillon, Richard	LB	6-0 215	Jr.	Ringling, OK
29	Dixon, Ricky*	DB	5-10 187	Sr.	Dallas, TX
55	Evans, Scott	DT	6-3 230	Fr.	Edmond, OK
9	Finch, Lonnie	DB	6-3 188	Jr.	Irving, TX
49	Garl, Scott	DB	6-1 200	Jr.	Hominy, OK
39	Goode, James	DE	6-4 220	Fr.	Houston, TX
58	Greene, Mickey	OG	6-3 275	Jr.	Oklahoma City, OK
26	Guess, Arthur	SE	5-11 175	Fr.	Oklahoma City, OK
4	Holieway, Jamelle*	QB	5-9 180	Jr.	Carson, CA
79	Hutson, Mark*	OG	6-4 280	Sr.	Fort Smith, AR
88	Jackson, Keith*	TE	6-3 242	Sr.	Little Rock, AR
75	Johnson, Greg*	OT	6-4 295	Sr.	Moore, OK
80	Johnson, Troy*	DE	6-2 230	Sr.	Houston, TX
50	Jones, Dante*	LB	6-2 225	Sr.	Dallas, TX
92	Jones, Harold	OT	6-4 260	Fr.	Bristow, OK
46	Kaspar, Kert	DE	6-3 238	Jr.	Houston, TX
90	Kilpatrick, Darren	DT	6-4 260	Sr.	Porter, OK
87	King, Aubrey	TE	6-3 218	Jr.	Denver, CO
56	Latham, Bob	C	6-5 265	Jr.	Claremore, OK
62	Laurita, Al	OG	6-3 272	Sr.	Arvada, CO
64	Manning, Terron	OT	6-2 280	Fr.	Muskogee, OK
70	Marks, Richard	OT	6-5 268	Sr.	Grandview, MO
48	McBride, Brad	LB	6-2 220	Sr.	Edmond, OK
17	McMichel, Ken	DB	6-1 200	So.	Indianapolis, IN
1	Mitchel, Eric	HB	6-1 200	Jr.	Pine Bluff, AR
82	Parham, Duncan	TE	6-5 245	Jr.	Seville, FL
2	Perry, Leon	RB	6-1 225	Jr.	Orlando, FL
94	Peters, Zarak	DL	6-4 240	Fr.	Houston, TX
68	Phillips, Anthony*	OG	6-3 280	Jr.	Tulsa, OK
66	Phillips, Jon*	OT	6-4 275	Sr.	Tulsa, OK
89	Pritchard, Terry	TE	6-6 233	So.	Moore, OK
40	Reed, Darrell*	DE	6-2 225	Sr.	Cypress, TX
77	Rentie, Caesar	OT	6-4 280	Sr.	Hartshorne, OK
21	Scott, Carlos	DB	6-1 187	So.	Houston, TX
81	Shoemaker, David	DT	6-5 265	So.	Checotah, OK
24	Smitherman, Don	HB	5-11 172	Jr.	McAlester, OK
25	Stafford, Anthony	HB	5-7 175	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
27	Stell, Damon	HB	6-0 193	Jr.	Oklahoma City, OK
11	Sullivan, Glenn	QB	6-3 210	Sr.	Irving, TX
16	Thompson, Charles	QB	5-10 161	Fr.	Lawton, OK
22	Thompson, Kevin	DB	5-11 187	So.	Houston, TX
91	Thomsen, Todd*	P	6-1 190	Jr.	Sapulpa, OK
76	Van Keirsbilck, Mark	C	6-2 265	So.	Shawnee, KS
10	Vickers, David*	DB	6-4 198	Sr.	Tulsa, OK
14	White, Derrick*	DB	5-9 188	Sr.	Lubbock, TX
93	Williams, Curtice	DT	6-3 265	Jr.	Pine Bluff, AR
98	Williams, Dante*	NG	6-2 270	So.	Gainesville, TX
65	Wise, Mike	OL	6-6 265	So.	Bartlesville, OK
99	Woods, Tony	NG	6-5 270	Jr.	Colorado Spgs., CO

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SOONER RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game:	294	Greg Pruitt vs. Kansas St., 1971
Season:	1762	Billy Sims, 1978
Career:	3995	Joe Washington, 1972-75

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game:	246	Monte Deere vs. Colorado, 1962
Season:	1548	Bob Warmack, 1968
Career:	3527	Bob Warmack, 1966-68

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game:	10	G. Brown vs. Oklahoma St., 1965
	10	Eddie Hinton vs. Oklahoma St., 1968
Season:	60	Eddie Hinton, 1968
Career:	114	Eddie Hinton, 1966-68

Longest Run: 96 Buck McPhail vs. Kansas St., 1951
Longest Pass: 95 Ron Fletcher to Ben Hart vs. Florida St., 1965

Information provided by Mike Treps, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 11-1-0; 7-0-0 1st Big 8.
Head Coach: Barry Switzer (Oklahoma record: 137-25-4; Overall record: 137-25-4), Ark., '60.
Off. Coordinator: Jim Donnan, N.C. St. '67.
Def. Coordinator: Gary Gibbs, Oklahoma '74.
Offense: Wishbone. ***Defense:*** 5-2.
All-Star Candidates: TE-Keith Jackson, OG-Mark Hutson, OG-Anthony Phillips, QB-Jamelle Holieway, FB-Lydell Carr, DE-Darrell Reed, DB-David Vickers, DB-Ricky Dixon.

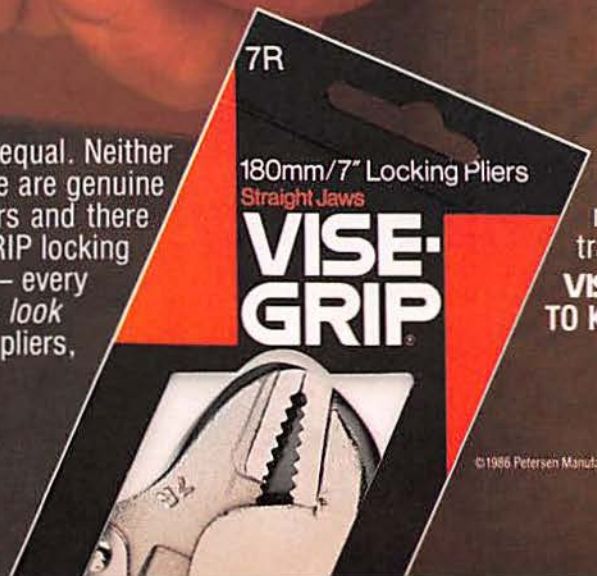
1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Bell, Glen	RB	5-10 185	Muskogee, OK
Blevins, Frank	LB	6-4 215	Killeen, TX
Blodgett, Mark	OL	6-3 275	Humble, TX
Bradley, John	LB	6-2 220	Midland, TX
Brauninger, Brian	OL	6-5 230	Arlington, TX
Davenport, Cedric	DB	6-2 185	Houston, TX
DeQuasie, Greg	DB	5-11 180	Midwest City, OK
Dillard, Stacey	DL	6-7 275	Clarksville, TX
Dykes, Billy	TE	6-3 250	Bay City, TX
Evans, John	LB	6-3 220	Port Arthur, TX
Fisher, Rod	RB	6-1 185	Lawton, OK
Fultz, Eric	OL	6-4 222	Mesquite, TX
Gaddis, Mike	RB	6-2 200	Midwest City, OK
Houston, Brandon	DL	6-5 240	Abernathy, TX
Land, Proctor	LB	6-5 230	Fairfax, VA
Lashar, R.D.	K	5-11 180	Plano, TX
Lee, Steve	DE	6-4 215	Fontana, CA
Liebmann, Blake	DB	6-1 190	Piedmont, OK
Long, Ted	QB	5-10 178	Waco, TX
Lowe, Marcus	DL	6-2 240	Houston, TX
McKinley, Mike	RB	6-0 215	Perryton, TX
Melson, Chris	DB	5-11 180	Ada, OK
Mitchell, Anthony	OL	6-7 297	Vista, CA
Parks, Jerry	DB	5-9 170	Ft. Bend, TX
*Rice, Mark	LB	6-1 210	Mustang, OK
Rodgers, Tyrone	DL	6-5 245	Wilmington, CA
Swanson, Lance	DB	6-2 184	Guymon, OK
Wallace, Randy	DL	6-4 235	Midwest City, OK
Williams, Nate	DL	6-3 250	Houston, TX
Wilson, Chris	LB	6-2 215	Richardson, TX
Young, Dalton	L	6-1 280	Sayre, OK

*denotes junior college transfer

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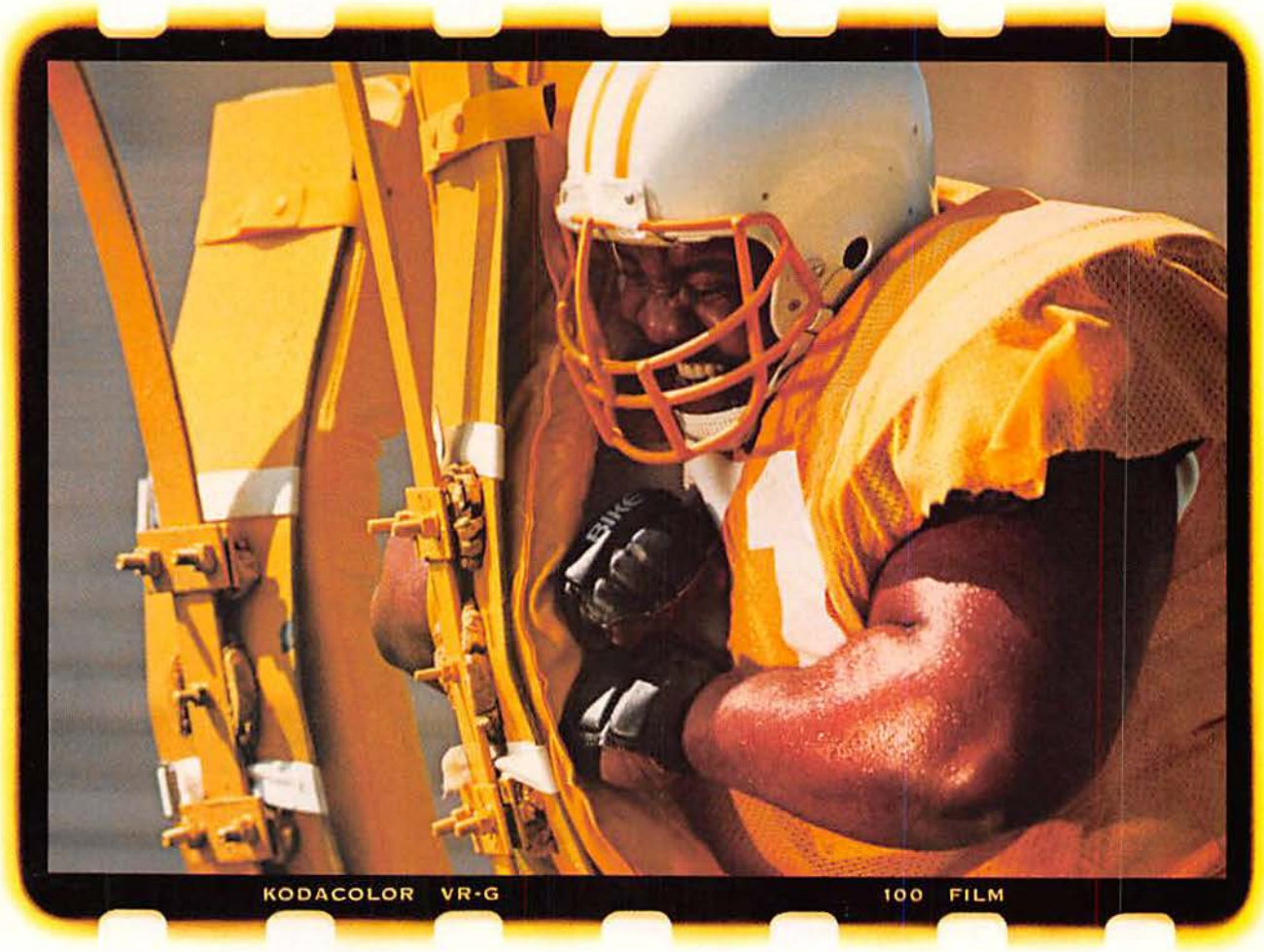


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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
44	Aboussie, Mike	FB	6-2 225	Fr.	Arnold, MO
98	Bailey, David*	DT	6-4 230	Jr.	Okla. City, OK
90	Bobo, Heath	LB	5-11 215	So.	Mesquite, TX
66	Christian, Reggie C.	C	6-3 245	So.	Lewisville, TX
8	Cockrell, Milton	CB	5-9 181	Jr.	Dallas, TX
7	Cooper, Gary*	P	5-10 160	Sr.	Broken Arrow, OK
30	Cumby, Kenneth	LB	5-11 210	Sr.	Athens, TX
71	Davis, Brent	OL	6-4 230	So.	Paris, TX
47	Deckard, Jerry*	DE	6-2 210	Sr.	Nacogdoches, TX
9	Dennis, Brad*	K	5-7 145	Jr.	Villa Park, CA
87	Dillard, J.R.*	TE	6-4 245	Sr.	Cleveland, OK
53	Drain, Sim*	LB	6-2 210	So.	Stillwater, OK
11	Dykes, Hart Lee*	WR	6-4 206	Jr.	Bay City, TX
14	Gaines, Rodderick	SS	6-1 207	Jr.	Tyler, TX
2	Gilliam, Melvin*	CB	6-2 170	Jr.	Tulsa, OK
19	Green, Jarrod	FL	6-2 194	So.	Port Arthur, TX
29	Greene, Harold	CB	6-1 195	Jr.	Orange, TX
12	Gundy, Mike*	QB	5-11 180	So.	Midwest City, OK
35	Hawkins, Dana	FB	6-1 215	Sr.	Longview, TX
1	Hill, Steve	FS	6-2 200	Jr.	Okla. City, OK
95	Jones, Bill	TE	6-4 240	Jr.	Jay, OK
60	Jones, Marcus*	DL	6-2 245	Jr.	Port Arthur, TX
5	Jones, Steve	CB	6-0 190	Jr.	Midwest City, OK
82	Keith, Brien	TE	6-3 235	Sr.	Urbandale, IA
73	Kidder, Jason	LT	6-3 272	Jr.	Appleton, WI
67	King, Brad	NG	6-3 235	Fr.	Putnam, OK
65	Kolb, Matt	OT	6-5 250	Jr.	Chickasha, OK
32	Limbrick, Garrett*	FB	6-3 218	Jr.	Houston, TX
3	Lowery, Chris	SS	6-2 197	So.	Paradise, TX
20	Luper, Curtis	CB	6-0 195	Jr.	Sherman, TX
57	Mackey, Shawn	DT	6-4 235	Fr.	Marlow, OK
46	McCalister, Greg	DE	6-1 235	Jr.	Midwest City, OK
58	Meacham, Doug*	OL	6-3 250	Sr.	Arlington, TX
38	Moore, Mahcoe	DE	6-4 205	So.	Tulsa, OK
79	Morris, Chris	OL	6-2 272	Sr.	Angleton, TX
22	Nash, Mitch	TB	5-10 190	Jr.	Bartlesville, OK
92	Nunn, Robert	LB	6-3 230	Sr.	Apache, OK
36	O'Donnell, Joey	K	6-0 205	Jr.	Perry, OK
68	Palmer, Greg	OL	6-4 284	Sr.	Shawnee, OK
33	Pegram, Chris*	LB	6-1 220	So.	Dallas, TX
21	Sanders, Barry	TB	5-8 180	So.	Wichita, KS
88	Scott, Roland	DE	6-3 210	So.	Dallas, TX
97	Shaw, Ricky*	DE	6-4 230	Sr.	Fayetteville, NC
85	Simien, Kevin*	FL	6-4 202	Jr.	Port Arthur, TX
13	Smith, Chris	QB	6-2 185	Fr.	Ponca City, OK
45	Smith, Rod	SS	6-2 195	So.	Tulsa, OK
50	Smithton, Shane	C	6-0 220	Jr.	Woodward, OK
59	Stanley, Chris*	OL	6-5 253	Jr.	Elk City, OK
34	Thomas, Thurman*	TB	5-11 195	Sr.	Missouri City, TX
16	Thompson, Rich	P	6-4 215	Sr.	Sapulpa, OK
93	Vice, Vance	DT	6-5 235	So.	Bristow, OK
40	Victor, Vernon	LB	6-2 205	So.	Port Arthur, TX
42	Wales, Richard	LB	6-2 225	Fr.	Tulsa, OK
27	Walstad, Rick	DE	6-0 200	So.	Stillwater, OK
63	Webb, Scott	OG	6-5 240	Fr.	Carrollton, TX
49	Williams, Ron	DE	6-3 215	Sr.	Houston, TX
15	Williams, Ronnie	WR	6-4 220	Sr.	Wichita Falls, TX
77	Wilson, Danny	DT	6-3 246	So.	Stillwater, OK
62	Wolfe, Mike	OT	6-5 255	Jr.	Miami, OK
56	Woodard, Byron*	OT	6-3 297	Jr.	Houston, TX

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (9); Defense (7); Kickers (2).

COWBOY RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game:	270	Ernest Anderson vs. Kansas, 1982
Season:	1877	Ernest Anderson, 1982
Career:	4754	Terry Miller, 1974-77

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game:	363	Ronnie Williams vs. Nebraska, 1985
Season:	2048	Rusty Hilger, 1984
Career:	3982	Rusty Hilger, 1980-84

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game:	16	Alex Loyd vs. Kansas, 1949
Season:	60	Hart Lee Dykes, 1986
Career:	120	Hermann Eben, 1968-80

Longest Run: 99 Ed Gallagher vs. Kansas State, 1908
Longest Pass: 85 B. Cutburth to H. Eben vs. Kansas St., 1969

Information provided by Steve Buzzard, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 6-5-0; 4-3-0, 4th Big 8.
Head Coach: Pat Jones (Okla. St. record: 24-11-0; Overall record: 24-11-0), Arkansas '69.
Offensive Coordinator: Larry Coker, NE Okla. St. '70.
Defensive Coordinator: Louis Campbell, Arkansas '73.
Offense: I-formation ***Defense:*** 5-4.
All-Star Candidates: TB-Thurman Thomas, WR-Hart Lee Dykes, DE-Jerry Deckard, QB-Mike Gundy.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Arrott, Josh	DL	6-3 240	Edmond, OK
Blanchard, Cary	K	6-1 188	Hurst, TX
*Boisvert, John	C	6-3 245	Edmond, OK
Colbert, Brandon	NG	6-0 250	El Reno, OK
Ford, Kenneth	QB	6-0 175	Port Arthur, TX
Garrison, Chris	L	6-3 255	Houston, TX
*Hill, Steve	DB	6-1 195	Oklahoma City, OK
Jones, Devin	RB	6-2 200	Duncanville, TX
*Jones, Steve	DB	6-0 185	Oklahoma City, OK
King, Joe	QB	6-3 180	Dallas, TX
Kirksey, Robert	WR	6-1 185	St. Louis, MO
Lindmark, John	OL	6-3 260	Lees Summit, MO
Oliver, Ruben	LB	6-1 237	New Orleans, LA
Parker, Brent	WR	6-1 190	Mission Viego, CA
Raynor, Bobby	LB	6-2 210	Idabel, OK
Stephens, Jeffery	DL	6-5 235	Dallas, TX
Surette, Pete	C	6-3 240	Houston, TX
Thomason, Robbie	OL	6-3 260	McKinney, TX
Walker, Mark	DE	6-3 205	Guthrie, OK
Wharry, Marcus	OL	6-4 230	Idabel, OK
Williams, Randy	LB	6-3 230	Broken Arrow, OK

* denotes junior college transfer

TULSA

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
57	Adams, Richard	OG	6-2 252	Sr.	Dallas, TX
85	Anderson, Mike	TE	6-4 213	So.	Ft. Gibson, OK
8	Barrs, Eric	DB	6-1 178	Fr.	Houston, TX
35	Beasley, Ron	FB	6-0 190	Fr.	Gilmer, TX
29	Bitson, Dan	SE	6-2 175	Fr.	Tulsa, OK
21	Borlabi, Bernard	FB	5-11 200	So.	Midwest City, OK
66	Brand, Mike	OG	6-2 268	Jr.	Cleveland, OK
38	Briscoe, Chris	DB	6-0 175	Fr.	Wichita, KS
83	Brown, Anthony*	NG	6-2 225	Jr.	Tyler, TX
42	Brown, John*	ILB	6-0 212	Sr.	Beggs, OK
72	Brummitt, Brad	OG	6-2 254	Jr.	Monaca, PA
48	Byrd, Dennis*	DT	6-4 248	Jr.	Mustang, OK
15	Cassano, Frank	QB	5-9 165	Fr.	Norristown, PA
19	Chandler, James	FB	6-0 205	Jr.	Tulsa, OK
96	Chargois, John	NG	6-3 225	So.	Houston, TX
98	Cottman, Chris	DT	6-2 225	So.	Sand Springs, OK
68	Craig, Chad*	OT	6-7 270	Sr.	Guymon, OK
51	Craig, George	ILB	5-11 215	So.	Houston, TX
94	Crawford, Rod	LB	6-3 210	Fr.	Olathe, KS
84	Dee, Donnie*	DE	6-4 240	Sr.	Kansas City, MO
6	Desherow, Doug*	SS	6-2 195	Sr.	Edmond, OK
5	Dunagin, Walter	SE	5-11 170	Fr.	Garland, TX
46	Durham, Lee	OLB	6-3 210	Fr.	Houston, TX
82	Earsom, Stephen	TE	6-4 200	Fr.	Sulphur, OK
16	Ellison, Derrick*	RB	5-9 172	Jr.	Houston, TX
23	Epps, Edward	DB	5-11 193	Jr.	Del City, OK
75	Estes, Scott*	DT	6-3 243	Sr.	Plano, TX
55	Fancher, Chris	OG	6-2 230	Fr.	Duncan, OK
9	Fuess, David*	K	5-9 160	So.	Dallas, TX
4	Garner, Tyson	DB	5-9 192	Jr.	Dallas, TX
95	Granger, James	DT	6-3 232	So.	Weatherford, TX
40	Greer, Michael	DB	5-10 197	Sr.	Dallas, TX
53	Harper, Pat	C	6-1 225	So.	Broken Arrow, OK
3	Harrison, Erick	FL	5-11 180	Jr.	Bristow, OK
34	Haynes, David*	ILB	6-0 206	Sr.	McGregor, TX
76	Hegdale, Steve*	OT	6-5 280	Sr.	McAlester, OK
65	Hilberth, Chris	OT	6-5 254	Jr.	Houston, TX
80	Johnson, Earl	ILB	6-2 240	Jr.	Tulsa, OK
13	Johnson, Gill	RB	5-7 179	So.	Bixby, OK
26	Jones, Craig	DB	5-9 170	Fr.	Dallas, TX
77	Kaiser, Chris	OG	6-2 237	Jr.	Tulsa, OK
	Kelley, Ronnie*	FL	6-0 198	Sr.	McGregor, TX
43	Kirk, Robert	OLB	6-1 202	Sr.	La Cygne, KS
32	Lee, Kenneth*	RB	5-9 185	So.	Midwest City, OK
67	Litterell, Kyle*	C	6-2 245	Jr.	Cleveland, OK
58	Luke, Matt	ILB	6-1 220	Jr.	Kankakee, IL
18	Malloy, Archie	SE	6-1 174	Fr.	Colorado Spgs., CO
99	McGraw, Rodney	NG	6-1 250	Fr.	Ennis, TX
14	McVay, Marcus	QB	5-10 165	So.	Muskogee, OK
86	Oberste, Mark	TE	6-4 220	Fr.	Sallisaw, OK
61	Olienyk, Doug	OT	6-2 272	Sr.	Barling, AR
30	Palmer, Mark	DB	5-10 188	So.	Olathe, KS
22	Price, Mickey	DB	6-1 175	So.	Lewisville, TX
87	Sambrano, Richard	NG	6-1 220	Jr.	Dallas, TX
44	Simon, Joe Paul	ILB	6-0 195	Fr.	Vian, OK
69	Stephens, Richard	OG	6-7 260	Jr.	Fenton, MO
74	Tarabrella, Dan	DE	6-3 220	Fr.	Elizabeth, PA
50	Treat, Gary	ILB	6-4 210	So.	Muldrow, OK
60	Vardaman, Billy	OG	6-2 262	Sr.	Wichita, KS
7	Williams, Lenny	SS	6-0 186	So.	Wagoner, OK

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (6); Defense (7); Kickers (1).

HURRICANE RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game:	250	Howard Waugh vs. Arkansas, 1952
Season:	1464	Michael Gunter, 1982
Career:	3536	Michael Gunter, 1980-83

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game:	502	Bill Anderson vs. Colorado St., 1965
Season:	3464	Bill Anderson, 1965
Career:	4779	Jerry Rhome, 1963-64

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game:	20	Rick Eber vs. Idaho St., 1967
Season:	134	Howard Twilley, 1964
Career:	261	Howard Twilley, 1963-65

Longest Run: 89 Camp Wilson vs. Southwestern (TX), 1944
Longest Pass: 98 Jerry Rhome to Jeff Jordan vs. Wichita, 1963

Information provided by Don Tomkalski, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 7-4-0.
Head Coach: George Henshaw (Tulsa record: 0-0-0; Overall record: 0-0-0), West Virginia '70.
Offensive Coordinator: Dave Rader, Tulsa '79.
Defensive Coordinator: Bob Brush, Rutgers '66.
Offense: Pro Set. ***Defense:*** Strong Eagle.
All-Star Candidates: RB-Derrick Ellison, OT-Steve Hegdale, DT-Dennis Byrd, DT-Scott Estes, LB-David Haynes, SS-Doug Desherow.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Adams, Brett	RB	5-9 202	Edmond, OK
Bulow, Brett	QB	6-1 189	Missouri City, TX
Cuba, Monte	DL	6-3 276	Gilmer, TX
Dansby, Demetrius	RB	5-11 185	Waxahachie, TX
*Ellison, Darrell	LB	6-4 230	Houston, TX
Gooden, Curtis	RB	5-7 165	Hooks, TX
Griffin, Kirt	QB	6-4 190	Longview, TX
Hurst, Myron	OT	6-3 232	Bristow, OK
Jimmerson, Antwain	LB	6-0 186	Jefferson, TX
Kenworthy, Edmond	LB	6-3 238	Hominy, OK
Lloyd, Terry	OT	6-5 265	Decatur, GA
McAdams, Joe Dan	LB	6-0 196	Farris, OK
McCalip, Wes	OL	6-2 263	Moore, OK
McGuire, Todd	DL	6-3 237	Midwest City, OK
Miller, Ralph	WR	5-9 170	Downington, PA
*Murray, Glenn	LB	6-2 210	Claremore, OK
Phelps, Danny	P	5-11 198	Lakeland, FL
Prather, Jamie	DL	6-4 247	Elk City, OK
Rice, Monty	CB	5-11 189	Swarthmore, PA
Rowan, C.B.	OL	6-4 230	Tulsa, OK
Rubley, T.J.	QB	6-3 185	Davenport, IA
Strange, Steve	K	6-0 170	Conway, AR
Thompson, Horace	DL	6-3 225	Tulsa, OK
Webb, Scooter	DB	6-0 175	Kellyville, OK
West, Jamal	WR	6-3 185	Tulsa, OK
White, Mike	LB	5-11 242	Dallas, TX
Whitworth, John	C	6-3 230	Owasso, OK
Williams, Derrick	LB	6-1 205	Levittown, PA

*denotes junior college transfer

No Place Like Closer to Home

by Gary Rausch

There is life after Proposal 48.

The magic numbers of 700 (minimum Scholastic Aptitude Test score), 15 (minimum American College Test score) and 2.0 (minimum grade-point average in a core curriculum of at least 11 high school subjects) have been ingrained in the memory of every college football coach and recruiting coordinator.

About a year ago, a survey of the 105 football programs in Division I-A indicated that over 200 incoming freshmen would spend the 1986 season in the classroom and in the stands, but not on the practice field or in uniform on Saturday. They were sidelined by the new rule.

While the NCAA didn't legislate further in that direction, it continued to restore sanity to big-time college football.

Now coaches will not be permitted to watch high school games until after Nov. 1.

In addition, the NCAA has virtually taken fat-cat boosters, with their Rolex watches and Lear jets, and chained them to their 50-yard-line seats. Their roles in recruiting have been severed.

All of which has placed a heavier burden on the coaches and recruiting coordinators, especially those in programs that recruit coast-to-coast.

With the latest legislation, look for recruiting to be less national and more regional. More prospects will stay closer to home.

Athlon's Elite 22 is annually comprised of high school seniors, but we would be remiss in not mentioning an honorary member who will be the prize pupil in next year's class, Russell White of Crespi High in Encino, Calif.

As a 15-year-old sophomore, he led the Celts to the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Big Five Conference championship. The 6-1, 195-pound tailback scored four touchdowns and gained 258 yards in the title game.

With 2,339 yards, 31 TDs and 188 points, White had the rare honor of being chosen to *Scholastic Magazine's* All-America squad as a sophomore.

Whereas White, nephew of former Southern California Heisman Trophy winner Charles White (1979), will direct attention to the West Coast next year, the focus is on the Atlantic seaboard in 1987. In Florida, look for Willie McClendon (6-1, 215) to replace Emmitt Smith's name on many records. McClendon's 2,173 regular-season yards set a state mark, and he led all runners (2,384 yards) and scorers (212 points) in full-season statistics. He's a big back playing for a small school, Jacksonville University Christian.

Merritt Island's Derek Brown is an imposing target at tight end, standing 6-7 and weighing 235. His 23.1-yards-per-catch average shows he also has speed.

Valdosta Lowndes linebacker Freddie Richardson (6-4, 235) was South Georgia Defensive Player of the Year in '86. With 4.6 speed and the inclination to play fullback, he might be the state's No. 1 player this year. Rock Hill tight end Gerald Dixon (6-4, 200) already has that title locked up in South Carolina off his All-Southern selection following a junior campaign in which he averaged 16.1 yards on 49 catches.

In North Carolina, they sing the praises of Carl Pickens (6-3, 180), a wide receiver (44 catches, 20.1 average, 12 TDs) and defensive back (eight interceptions, plus five punt and two kickoff returns for scores). He led Murphy (15-0) to the state I-A title. Defensive lineman David Rocker (6-4, 245) of Atlanta Fulton, who runs the 40 in 4.75, will try to match the prowess of older brother Tracy, All-SEC defensive tackle at Auburn last year.

Tennessee's top prep performers figure to be Knoxville Halls lineman Randy Hall (6-4, 275) and Memphis Trezevant running back Xavier Crawford (5-11, 205). Hall sparked his team to the state 3-A crown while Crawford helped his reach the 2-A semifinals. Crawford boasts 5,433 yards and 64 TDs in three varsity seasons.

Pennsylvania and New Jersey are loaded again. Three of the best are Kenilworth (N.J.) David Brearley linebacker Mike Chelenski (6-5, 235), Pittsburgh North Hills linebacker Eric Renkey (6-3, 230) and Monroeville (Pa.) Gateway linebacker Curtis Bray (6-4, 225), 4.6 in the 40. Chelenski runs so well, one scout thought he might be a running back. Another claims Renkey is "as tough a player as I've ever seen. He's going to be too big to play linebacker; before it's all over, he'll get his hands on the ground (as a lineman)." As for Bray, one recruiting expert rates him "one of the top five high school players in the country." Another says, "He might be No. 1."

Deerfield (Ill.) Coach Paul Adams says his latest star, Lindsey Knapp (6-5, 230), is "further along than any offensive lineman I've coached in 25 years." Ohio, usually a haven for great linemen, contributes a pair of burner backs in Toledo Macomber-Whitney's Chuck Webb (5-11, 195) and Gates Mills Hawken's O.J. McDuffie (5-11, 170). Webb was Ohio's 3-A back of the year with 1,795 yards and 17 TDs for a 5-5 team, while McDuffie, a three-sport standout, rang up 1,709 yards and 31 scores.

Missouri's finest met on the field in Arrowhead Stadium last fall as fullback Kenyon Rasheed (5-11, 230) watched his Kansas City Rockhurst teammates defeat lineman Mario Johnson (6-5, 285) and his Florissant Hazelwood Central squad 13-10 for the 5-A crown. Rasheed went down with a knee injury in the semifinals.

Rasheed gained 1,324 yards and scored 21 TDs. Johnson, who has 4.6 speed and can also play tight end, has played three years of basketball and is a former state heavyweight wrestling champion.

Texas recruiting authority Max Emfinger likes the futures of runners Curvin Richards (5-10, 180) of La Porte and Kevin Williams (6-0, 195) of Spring. "Curvin is good and he could be great," says Emfinger. "He runs 4.5 but Kevin is faster at 4.45. I'd say Kevin is the best running back in the state. Everybody's buzzing about him."

Two other Lone Star State standouts are Houston Lee quarterback Pete Gardere (6-0, 165), a practitioner of the run-and-shoot offense, and linebacker Rodney Pedraza (6-1, 215), whose Cuero team went unbeaten until losing the 3-A final.

Best lineman on the West Coast could be Bellevue (Wash.) Interlake's Mike Lustyk (6-5, 245), called by Northwest guru Ron Siegel "the best in this state since Curt Marsh." Lustyk, a baseball first baseman and designated hitter, averaged 19.8 points in basketball as a junior and was a sophomore starter on Interlake's state championship team two years ago.

El Toro quarterback Bret Johnson (6-1, 170) earned second-team All-California and Junior of the Year honors by guiding his father's team to an unbeaten season as well as a No. 1 in Southern California ranking from the third week on.

END

National Elite Twenty-Two

Top high school seniors of 1987:

Curtis Bray, LB, 6-4, 225, Monroeville (Pa.) Gateway
Derek Brown, TE, 6-7, 235, Merritt Island, Fla.
Mike Chelenski, LB, 6-5, 235, Kenilworth (N.J.) David Brearley
Xavier Crawford, RB, 5-11, 205, Memphis (Tenn.) Trezevant
Gerald Dixon, TE, 6-4, 200, Rock Hill, S.C.
Pete Gardere, QB, 6-0, 165, Houston (Texas) Lee
Randy Hall, OL, 6-4, 275, Knoxville (Tenn.) Halls
Bret Johnson, QB, 6-1, 170, El Toro, Calif.
Mario Johnson, OL, 6-5, 285, Florissant (Mo.) Hazelwood Central
Lindsey Knapp, OL, 6-5, 230, Deerfield, Ill.
Mike Lustyk, OL, 6-5, 245, Bellevue (Wash.) Interlake
Willie McClendon, RB, 6-1, 215, Jacksonville (Fla.) University Christian
O.J. McDuffie, RB/WR, 5-11, 170, Gates Mills (Ohio) Hawken
Rodney Pedraza, LB, 6-1, 215, Cuero, Texas
Carl Pickens, WR/DB, 6-3, 180, Murphy, N.C.
Kenyon Rasheed, RB, 5-11, 230, Kansas City (Mo.) Rockhurst
Eric Renkey, LB, 6-3, 230, Pittsburgh (Pa.) North Hills
Curvin Richards, RB, 5-10, 180, La Porte, Texas
Freddie Richardson, LB, 6-4, 235, Valdosta (Ga.) Lowndes
David Rocker, DL/C, 6-4, 245, Atlanta (Ga.) Fulton
Chuck Webb, RB, 5-11, 195, Toledo (Ohio) Macomber-Whitney
Kevin Williams, RB, 6-0, 195, Spring, Texas

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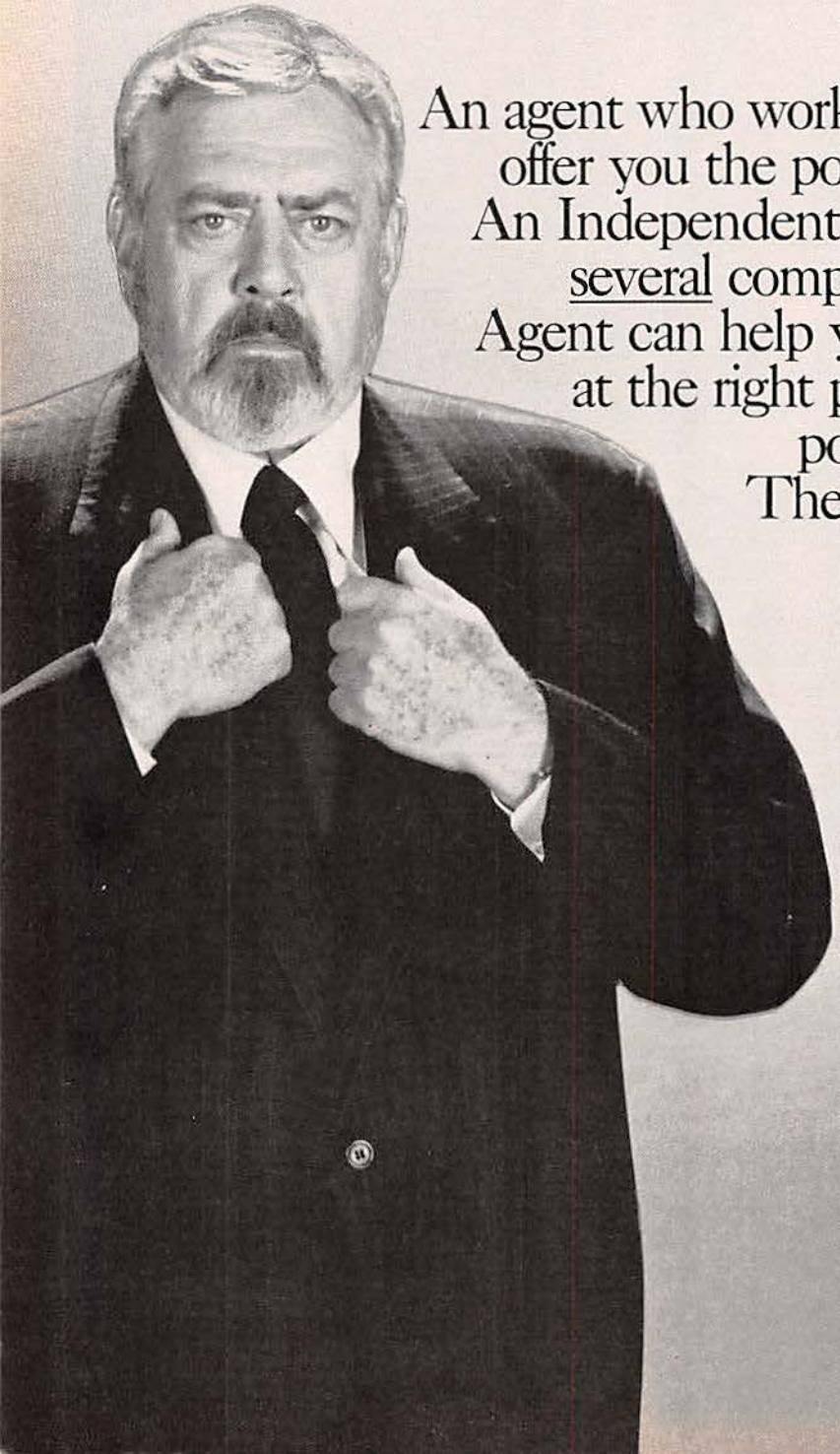
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1986 ALL BIG EIGHT

Selected by AP and UPI—Names without notations were chosen by both wire service polls.

Offense			Defense		
WR	Hart Lee Dykes	Oklahoma State	DE	Darrell Reed	Oklahoma
WR	Willie Vaughn	Kansas	DE	Broderick Thomas	Nebraska
TE	Keith Jackson*	Oklahoma	DT	Curt Koch	Colorado
T	John Clay*	Missouri	DT	Steve Bryan (UPI)	Oklahoma
T	Tom Welter	Nebraska		Chris Spachman (AP)	Nebraska
G	Mark Hutson*	Oklahoma	NT	Danny Noonan*	Nebraska
G	Anthony Phillips	Oklahoma	LB	Brian Bosworth*	Oklahoma
C	Eric Coyle	Colorado	LB	Barry Remington	Colorado
QB	Jamelle Holieway	Oklahoma	LB	Marc Munford (AP)	Nebraska
RB	Keith Jones	Nebraska	DB	Mark Moore*	Oklahoma State
RB	Thurman Thomas	Oklahoma State	DB	Mickey Pruitt	Colorado
K	Tim Lashar	Oklahoma	DB	David Vickers	Oklahoma
			DB	Ricky Dixon (UPI)	Oklahoma
			P	Barry Helton*	Colorado

*named as 1st team All-American on at least one poll

TOP 20 CONFERENCE FINISHES IN AP POLLS IN THE '80s

1980		1981		1982		1983		1984		1985		1986		Totals	
SEC	3	SEC	2	SEC	3	SEC	4	SEC	4	SEC	4	SEC	3	SEC	23
Big 10	3	Big 10	3	Big 10	1	Big 10	4	Big 10	2	Big 10	3	Big 10	3	Big 10	19
Pac-10	3	Pac-10	3	Pac-10	4	Pac-10	1	Pac-10	3	Pac-10	1	Pac-10	4	Pac-10	19
SWC	2	SWC	2	SWC	3	SWC	2	SWC	1	SWC	3	SWC	3	SWC	16
Big 8	2	Big 8	3	Big 8	2	Big 8	1	Big 8	3	Big 8	2	Big 8	2	Big 8	15
ACC	1	ACC	2	ACC	3	ACC	1	ACC	2	ACC	2	ACC	1	ACC	12
WAC	1	WAC	1	WAC	0	WAC	2	WAC	1	WAC	2	WAC	0	WAC	7
Ind.	5	Ind.	4	Ind.	4	Ind.	5	Ind.	4	Ind.	3	Ind.	4	Ind.	29

1986 ALL-AMERICA

CONSENSUS

Offense				Defense			
WR	Cris Carter	Jr.	Ohio St.	DL	Jerome Brown*	Sr.	Miami(Fla.)
WR	Tim Brown	Jr.	Notre Dame	DL	Danny Noonan*	Sr.	Nebraska
TE	Keith Jackson	Jr.	Oklahoma	DL	Jason Buck	Sr.	Brigham Young
OL	Danny Villa	Sr.	Ariz. St.	LB	Cornelius Bennett*	Sr.	Alabama
OL	Randy Dixon	Sr.	Pittsburgh	LB	Brian Bosworth*	Jr.	Oklahoma
OL	Jeff Bregel	Sr.	USC	LB	Shane Conlan	Sr.	Penn St.
OL	John Clay	Sr.	Missouri	LB	Chris Spielman	Jr.	Ohio St.
C	Ben Tamburello*	Sr.	Auburn	DB	Thomas Everett*	Sr.	Baylor
QB	Vinny Testaverde*	Sr.	Miami(Fla.)	DB	Tim McDonald	Sr.	USC
RB	Brent Fullwood*	Sr.	Auburn	DB	Rod Woodson	Sr.	Purdue
RB	Paul Palmer*	Sr.	Temple	DB	Bennie Blades	Jr.	Miami(Fla.)
K	Jeff Jaeger	Sr.	Washington	P	Barry Helton	Jr.	Colorado

* Unanimous

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA

Selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.
A 3.2 grade point average is needed for consideration.

Offense					Defense				
WR	Kenneth Higgins	business	Michigan	DL	Michael Degnan	finance	Boston College		
WR	Mike Morrow	electrical engineering	Bucknell	DL	Bob Dirkes	journalism	Northwestern		
TE	Ron Duncan	premedicine	Ball St.	DL	Chad Hennings	management	Air Force		
T	Thomas Welter	business administration	Nebraska	DL	Dan Young	economics	VMI		
T	Michael Baum	economics	Northwestern	LB	Brian Bosworth	management information	Oklahoma		
G	Danny Hoskins	chemical engineering	Mississippi	LB	Shane Bullough	marketing	Mich. St.		
G	Jeff Bregel	finance	USC	LB	David Rill	business	Washington		
C	Marty Edwards	biology	Brown	DB	Dean Altobelli	mechanical engineering	Mich. St.		
QB	John Shaffer	business administration	Penn St.	DB	Kip Corrington	philosophy	Texas A&M		
RB	Steve Bartalo	physical education	Colorado St.	DB	Mike Diminick	premedicine	Duke		
RB	Ron Sency	electrical engineering	Villanova	DB	Todd Krehbiel	biology	Northwestern		
RB	Rich Comizio	finance	Pennsylvania	P	Mike Preacher	advertising	Oregon		
K	Dale Klein	mechanical engineering	Nebraska						

Major College Coaching Changes

School	Head Coach	Former Head Coach
Alabama	Bill Curry (Georgia Tech h.c.)	Ray Perkins
Arizona	Dick Tomey (Hawaii h.c.)	Larry Smith
California	Bruce Snyder (L.A. Rams ass't)	Joe Kapp
Duke	Steve Spurrier (Tampa Bay, USFL, h.c.)	Steve Sloan
Georgia Tech	Bobby Ross (Maryland h.c.)	Bill Curry
Hawaii	Bob Wagner (Hawaii ass't)	Dick Tomey
Houston	Jack Pardee (Houston, USFL, h.c.)	Bill Yeoman
Iowa State	Jim Walden (Wash. St. h.c.)	Jim Criner
Long Beach State	Larry Reisbig (Pasadena Cty. Coll.)	Mike Sheppard
LSU	Mike Archer (LSU ass't)	Bill Arnsparger
Maryland	Joe Krivak (Maryland ass't)	Bobby Ross
Navy	Elliot Uzelec (Michigan ass't)	Gary Tranquill
New Mexico	Mike Sheppard (L. Bch. St. h.c.)	Joe Lee Dunn
Purdue	Fred Akers (Texas h.c.)	Leon Burtnett
Southern California	Larry Smith (Arizona h.c.)	Ted Tollner
Texas	David McWilliams (Texas Tech h.c.)	Fred Akers
Texas Tech	Spike Dykes (Texas Tech ass't)	David McWilliams
Tulsa	George Henshaw (Alabama ass't)	Don Morton
Virginia Tech	Frank Beamer (Murray St. h.c.)	Bill Dooley
Wake Forest	Bill Dooley (Virginia Tech h.c.)	Al Groh
Washington State	Dennis Erickson (Wyoming h.c.)	Jim Walden
Western Michigan	Al Molde (E. Illinois h.c.)	Jack Harbaugh
Wisconsin	Don Morton (Tulsa h.c.)	Jim Hilles
Wyoming	Paul Roach (Wyoming a.d.)	Dennis Erickson

Bowls

1986-87 SCORES

SUNKIST FIESTA	Penn State 14, Miami 10
ORANGE	Oklahoma 42, Arkansas 8
ROSE	Arizona State 22, Michigan 15
SUGAR	Nebraska 30, LSU 15
COTTON	Ohio State 28, Texas A&M 12
FLORIDA CITRUS	Auburn 16, Southern California 7
ALL-AMERICAN	Florida State 27, Indiana 13
BLUEBONNET	Baylor 21, Colorado 9
PEACH	Virginia Tech 25, North Carolina 24
HOLIDAY	Iowa 39, San Diego State 38
FREEDOM	UCLA 31, BYU 10
LIBERTY	Tennessee 21, Minnesota 14
ALOHA	Arizona 30, North Carolina 21
GATOR	Clemson 27, Stanford 21
SUN	Alabama 28, Washington 6
HALL OF FAME	Boston College 27, Georgia 24
INDEPENDENCE	Mississippi 20, Texas Tech 17
CALIFORNIA	San Jose State 37, Miami, Ohio 7

GAME HIGHS

INDIVIDUAL

Yards rushing	Gaston Green, UCLA (Freedom)	33-266
Yards passing	Mark Young, Mississippi (Ind.)	31-50-1-0TD-343
Passes caught	Travis Price, Texas Tech (Independence)	9
	Kelvin Martin, Boston College (Hall of Fame)	9
Total offense	Mark Young, Mississippi (Independence)	314
Field goals	Kent Bostrom, Arizona State (Rose)	3
Longest run	Gary Moss, Georgia (Hall of Fame)	81*
Points	Gaston Green, UCLA (Freedom)	18
	Brad Muster, Stanford (Gator)	18

*Interception return

TEAM

Yards rushing	UCLA (Freedom)	423
Yards passing	Mississippi (Independence)	343
Total offense	UCLA (Freedom)	518
Total plays	Miami (Fiesta)	93
Rushing defense	San Jose State (California)	24
Passing defense	Arkansas (Orange)	47**
Total defense	Auburn (Florida Citrus)	157
Most points	Oklahoma (Orange)	42

**Oklahoma threw only five passes, completing two. Indiana allowed 54 yards on 14 passes and six completions against Florida State in All-American Bowl.

1987-88 GAMES

Dec. 12	California Bowl	4:00 p.m.	Fresno, CA	Dec. 31	All-American Bowl	8:00 p.m.	Birmingham, AL
Dec. 19	Independence Bowl	8:00 p.m.	Shreveport, LA	Dec. 31	Bluebonnet Bowl	9:00 p.m.	Houston, TX
Dec. 25	Sun Bowl	2:30 p.m.	El Paso, TX	Jan. 1	Florida Citrus Bowl	12:00 p.m.	Orlando, FL
Dec. 25	Aloha Bowl	3:45 p.m.	Honolulu, HI	Jan. 1	Cotton Bowl	1:30 p.m.	Dallas, TX
Dec. 29	Hall of Fame Bowl	8:00 p.m.	Tampa, FL	Jan. 1	Rose Bowl	5:00 p.m.	Pasadena, CA
Dec. 29	Liberty Bowl	8:00 p.m.	Memphis, TN	Jan. 1	Sugar Bowl	8:00 p.m.	New Orleans, LA
Dec. 30	Freedom Bowl	8:00 p.m.	Anaheim, CA	Jan. 1	Orange Bowl	8:00 p.m.	Miami, FL
Dec. 30	Holiday Bowl	8:00 p.m.	San Diego, CA	Jan. 1 or 2	Sunkist Fiesta Bowl	TBA	Tempe, AZ
Dec. 31	Gator Bowl	2:30 p.m.	Jacksonville, FL	Jan. 2	Peach Bowl	2:00 p.m.	Atlanta, GA

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Athlon's Trivia Quiz

TWENTY QUESTIONS

1. What wide receiver in the Southeastern Conference is the son of an NFL head coach?
2. What four Big Eight players finished in the top 10 in the Heisman Trophy balloting in 1972?
3. Former Southern California Trojans have appeared in every Super Bowl except one. Which one?
4. In 1987 Kevin Murray set a Cotton Bowl record by throwing six interceptions. Whose record did he break?
5. In 1976 and 1977 the Southwest Conference had three kickers who made headlines by combining for eight field goals of 60 yards or longer. Who were they?
6. Who was the last defensive player to be named MVP in the Big Ten?
7. How many of the 105 Division I-A teams have never played in a bowl game?
8. Who was the only man voted into the college football, pro football and baseball Hall of Fame?
9. What Heisman Trophy winner also played in the NCAA basketball tournament as a senior?
10. What is the oldest college football stadium still standing?
11. When were uniforms first used in a college football game?
12. Who was the world-famous artist, especially of the American West, who lettered on Yale's undefeated 1879 team?
13. Who is the only coach to win both the NCAA and NFL championships?
14. Who is the only man to coach teams from both the Big Ten and Pac-10 in the Rose Bowl?
15. Who is the only coach to win a national championship (AP poll) in his first season as head coach?
16. When was admission first charged at a college football game and how much was it?
17. What was the last team to beat the Oklahoma Sooners before their record-setting winning streak of 47 games from 1953 to 1957? Where was the game played and what was the score?
18. Who caught Doug Flutie's "Hail Mary" pass, a 45-yarder as time ran out, in the Nov. 23, 1984, game against Miami that gave Boston College a 47-45 win?
19. Name the four members of the Baseball Hall of Fame who lettered in Div. I-A football.
20. What former major league baseball player led USC in rushing, punt returns, kickoff returns and tied for the team lead in interceptions his senior year?

MATCH THE PLAYERS WITH THEIR NICKNAMES

1. Biggie	(a) Red Grange (Illinois, 1923-25)
2. Bump	(b) Johnny Jones (Texas, 1976-79)
3. Cotton	(c) John Kelly (Kentucky, 1929-31)
4. Hootie	(d) Marshall Goldberg (Pittsburgh, 1936-38)
5. Lam	(e) Cecil Ingram (Alabama, 1952-54)
6. Tarzan	(f) Lee Nalley (Vanderbilt, 1947-49)
7. Shipwreck	(g) Chalmers Elliot (Michigan, 1947-48)
8. Long Gone	(h) Arthur White (Alabama, 1934-36)
9. The Wheaton Iceman	(i) Ed Jones (Tennessee State, 1970-73)
10. Too Tall	(j) Irvine Warburton (USC, 1932-34)

FANTASTIC FEATS

- The 1900 and 1902 Yale teams both had seven first team All-Americans.
- Notre Dame has won the most national titles since 1936 with seven; Yale had the most from 1883 to 1935 with 11.
- It has been 51 years since the last regular season without a perfect record; the 1936 national champion Minnesota team went 7-1.
- Roger Maris (61 homers in 1961) set a still-existing high school record as he returned four kickoffs for touchdowns in one game for Fargo (N.D.) Shanley in 1951. In another game, Maris scored five TDs on runs of 90, 88, 45, 32 and 25 yards and kicked two EPs as Shanley won 33-20. He went to Oklahoma but didn't stay.
- On Oct. 18, 1941, Wisconsin held Iowa to minus 19 total yards offensively; 68 passing, minus 87 rushing.
- On Nov. 8, 1980, Dave Wilson of Illinois set the record for most yards passing in a single game: 621.

TRIVIA ANSWERS: **(1.)** Mark Berry of Vanderbilt, son of New England Coach Raymond Berry. **(2.)** Johnny Rodgers (1st/Neb.), Greg Pruitt (2nd/Okla.), Rich Glover (3rd/Neb.), George Admundsen (7th/Iowa St.). **(3.)** Super Bowl III, N.Y. Jets vs. Baltimore Colts, 1969. **(4.)** Joe Montana of Notre Dame threw four in 1977. **(5.)** Russ Erxleben, Texas (3), Tony Franklin, Texas A&M (3) and Steve Little, Arkansas (2). **(6.)** Don Thorp, DT, Illinois, 1983. **(7.)** None. **(8.)** Cal Hubbard. **(9.)** Terry Baker of Oregon State (1962-63). **(10.)** Harvard Stadium, built in 1903, holds 37,289. **(11.)** November 13, 1875—Yale dressed in blue, Harvard in crimson. **(12.)** Frederic Remington. **(13.)** Paul Brown—Ohio State 1942 (NCAA) Cleveland Browns 1950, 1954-55 (NFL). **(14.)** Pete Elliot—California 1959 (lost 38-12 to Iowa); Illinois 1964 (defeated Washington 17-7). **(15.)** Bennie Oosterbaan of Michigan in 1948. **(16.)** November 16, 1872, Columbia vs. Yale, Price: 25 cents. **(17.)** Notre Dame, Norman, Okla., 28-21 in 1953 opener. **(18.)** Gerard Phelan. **(19.)** Jackie Robinson (UCLA), Lou Gehrig (Columbia), Frankie Frisch (Fordham), Christy Mathewson (Bucknell). **(20.)** Don Buford. **NAMES:** 1. (d) 2. (g) 3. (j) 4. (e) 5. (b) 6. (h) 7. (c) 8. (f) 9. (a) 10. (i).

1986 NCAA TEAM LEADERS

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	Pls.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
San Jose State	11	909	5295	5.8	43	481.4
Oklahoma	11	807	5210	6.5	58	473.6
Texas A&M	11	895	4842	5.4	39	440.2
New Mexico	12	897	5269	5.9	42	439.1
Baylor	11	889	4827	5.4	34	438.8
North Carolina	11	822	4796	5.8	34	436.0
Michigan	12	870	5175	5.9	44	431.3
Utah	11	823	4684	5.7	35	425.8
Iowa	11	772	4628	6.0	42	420.7
Auburn	11	766	4580	6.0	45	416.4

TOTAL DEFENSE

	G	Pls.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Oklahoma	11	671	1866	2.8	8	169.6
Nebraska	11	700	2590	3.7	17	235.5
Baylor	11	707	2727	3.9	23	247.9
Texas A&M	11	721	2835	3.9	22	257.7
Miami (Fla.)	11	777	2886	3.7	13	262.4
Hawaii	12	781	3223	4.1	24	268.6
Washington	11	728	2982	4.1	19	271.1
Iowa	11	717	3031	4.2	18	275.5
Pittsburgh	11	758	3046	4.0	23	276.9
Brigham Young	12	789	3334	4.2	24	277.8

NET PUNTING

	Punts	Avg.	No. Ret.	Yds. Ret.	Net Avg.
Michigan	33	44.1	10	35	43.1
Colorado	57	45.6	26	190	42.3
Air Force	63	43.7	25	158	41.2
Michigan State	40	47.0	22	233	41.2
Georgia	41	44.1	21	131	40.9
Auburn	49	44.1	27	165	40.7
Texas	55	44.9	23	249	40.4
Florida State	46	42.0	19	84	40.2
New Mexico	60	43.3	24	196	40.1
Texas Christian	60	45.3	37	329	39.8

SCORING OFFENSE

	G	Pts.	Avg.
Oklahoma	11	466	42.4
Miami (Fla.)	11	420	38.2
Nebraska	11	416	37.8
Auburn	11	379	34.5
Washington	11	372	33.8
Florida State	11	366	33.3
San Jose State	11	360	32.7
Texas A&M	11	360	32.7
Arizona State	11	357	32.5
UCLA	11	354	32.2

SCORING DEFENSE

	G	Pts.	Avg.
Oklahoma	11	73	6.6
Auburn	11	115	10.5
Penn State	11	123	11.2
Miami (Fla.)	11	136	12.4
Arkansas	11	142	12.9
Alabama	12	157	13.1
Nebraska	11	150	13.6
Mississippi	11	150	13.6
Fresno State	11	150	13.6
Arizona State	11	152	13.8

PUNT RETURNS

	G	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
Arizona State	11	29	520	1	17.9
Nebraska	11	48	712	2	14.8
Long Beach State	11	32	446	3	13.9
Georgia Tech	11	19	263	0	13.8
Stanford	11	32	407	1	12.7
Texas Tech	11	39	478	2	12.3
Southern Miss.	11	36	438	1	12.2
Boston College	11	23	267	1	11.6
Oklahoma	11	30	348	1	11.6
Army	11	18	207	1	11.5

RUSHING OFFENSE

	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Oklahoma	11	719	4452	6.2	51	404.7
Nebraska	11	656	3360	5.1	40	305.5
Tulsa	11	652	3184	4.9	24	289.5
Central Michigan	10	591	2798	4.7	26	279.8
Army	11	689	3042	4.4	33	276.5
Clemson	11	648	3007	4.6	28	273.4
Pacific	11	677	2960	4.4	22	269.1
Alabama	12	585	3167	5.4	25	263.9
Georgia	11	596	2802	4.7	24	254.7
North Carolina	11	553	2777	5.0	16	252.5

RUSHING DEFENSE

	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Oklahoma	11	408	668	1.6	1	60.7
San Jose State	11	387	724	1.9	4	65.8
Penn State	11	383	767	2.0	5	69.7
Arizona	11	392	928	2.4	9	84.4
Baylor	11	396	977	2.5	11	88.8
Brigham Young	12	439	1066	2.4	12	88.8
Washington	11	400	978	2.4	10	88.9
Pittsburgh	11	433	1027	2.4	8	93.4
Nebraska	11	442	1051	2.4	7	95.5
Fresno State	11	462	1097	2.4	4	99.7

KICKOFF RETURNS

	G	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
Clemson	11	35	915	0	26.1
Penn State	11	30	738	1	24.6
Air Force	11	30	730	0	24.3
Florida State	11	41	994	2	24.2
Washington	11	30	699	0	23.3
Southern California	11	37	859	0	23.2
Arkansas	11	26	598	0	23.0
Brigham Young	12	38	860	1	22.6
Notre Dame	11	36	808	2	22.4
Army	11	56	1256	0	22.4

PASSING OFFENSE

	G	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Yds./ Att.	TD	YPG
San Jose State	11	456	276	23	60.5	3437	7.5	21	312.5
Wyoming	12	564	305	22	54.1	3523	6.2	30	293.6
South Carolina	11	356	216	23	60.7	3187	9.0	23	289.7
Utah	11	451	264	14	58.5	3157	7.0	25	287.0
Oregon State	11	527	312	22	59.2	3149	6.0	10	286.3
Miami (Fla.)	11	338	209	11	61.8	3095	9.2	30	281.4
Long Beach State	11	449	259	21	57.7	3069	6.8	21	279.0
UTEP	12	437	270	21	61.8	3231	7.4	23	269.3
Cincinnati	11	374	237	12	63.4	2831	7.6	13	257.4
San Diego State	11	390	241	12	61.8	2766	7.1	14	251.5

PASSING DEFENSE

	G	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Yds./ Att.	TD	YPG
Oklahoma	11	263	128	18	48.7	1198	4.6	7	108.9
Tennessee	11	203	99	13	48.8	1248	6.1	7	113.5
Bowling Green	11	221	109	20	49.3	1257	5.7	4	114.3
Florida	11	227	119	16	52.4	1287	5.7	4	117.0
Oklahoma State	11	193	105	12	54.4	1331	6.9	6	121.0
Mississippi State	11	197	103	8	52.3	1423	7.2	9	129.4
Toledo	11	263	146	16	55.5	1464	5.6	8	133.1
Mississippi	11	268	127	14	47.4	1484	5.5	6	134.9
Georgia Tech	11	253	129	14	51.0	1506	6.0	9	136.9
Miami (Fla.)	11	291	130	21	44.7	1506	5.2	7	136.9

1986 NCAA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

(Min. 15 att. per game)	Cl.	G	Att.	Cmp.	Cmp. Pct.	Int.	Int. Pct.	Yds.	Yds./ Att.	TD	TD Pct.	Rating Points
Vinny Testaverde, Miami (Fla.)	Sr.	10	276	175	63.4	9	3.3	2557	9.3	26	9.4	165.8
Jim Harbaugh, Michigan	Sr.	12	254	167	65.7	8	3.1	2557	10.1	10	3.9	157.0
Dave Yarema, Michigan State	Sr.	11	297	200	67.3	11	3.7	2581	8.7	16	5.4	150.7
Shawn Halloran, Boston College	Sr.	10	258	159	61.6	6	2.3	2090	8.1	17	6.6	146.8
Mark Vlasic, Iowa	Sr.	9	152	93	61.2	4	2.6	1234	8.1	9	5.9	143.7
Tom Hodson, Louisiana State	Fr.	11	288	175	60.8	8	2.8	2261	7.9	19	6.6	142.9
Jeff Francis, Tennessee	So.	11	233	150	64.4	6	2.6	1946	8.4	9	3.9	142.1
Lee Saltz, Temple	Sr.	11	203	117	57.6	7	3.4	1727	8.5	12	5.9	141.7
Jeff Van Raaphorst, Arizona State	Sr.	11	239	144	60.3	11	4.6	1988	8.3	15	6.3	141.6
Ned James, New Mexico	Sr.	11	215	125	58.1	8	3.7	1777	8.3	14	6.5	141.6

PUNTING

(Min. 3.6 per game)	Cl.	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Greg Horne, Arkansas	Sr.	49	2313	47.2
Alexander Waits, Texas	Fr.	48	2214	46.1
Chris Becker, Texas Christian	So.	59	2717	46.0
Barry Helton, Colorado	Jr.	57	2599	45.6
Bill Smith, Mississippi	Sr.	57	2522	44.2
Brian Shulman, Auburn	So.	49	2161	44.1
Cris Carpenter, Georgia	So.	41	1808	44.1
Mike Preacher, Oregon	Sr.	49	2143	43.7
Mark Simon, Air Force	Sr.	63	2754	43.7
Tom Tupa, Ohio State	Jr.	50	2180	43.6

RUSHING

	Cl.	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Paul Palmer, Temple	Sr.	11	346	1866	5.4	15	169.6
Kelvin Farmer, Toledo	Sr.	11	299	1532	5.1	16	139.3
Steve Bartalo, Colorado State	Sr.	11	366	1419	3.9	19	129.0
Brent Fullwood, Auburn	Sr.	11	167	1391	8.3	10	126.5
Derrick Fenner, North Carolina	So.	10	200	1250	6.3	6	125.0
Rodney Stevenson, Cen. Michigan	So.	9	208	1104	5.3	14	122.7
Bobby Humphrey, Alabama	So.	12	236	1471	6.2	15	122.6
Reggie Taylor, Cincinnati	Sr.	11	256	1325	5.2	11	120.5
Troy Stradford, Boston College	Sr.	10	218	1188	5.4	10	118.8
Rick Calhoun, Cal St. Fullerton	Sr.	12	259	1398	5.4	11	116.5

SCORING

	Cl.	G	TD	PAT	FG	Pts.	PTPG
Steve Bartalo, Colorado State	Sr.	11	19	0	0	114	10.4
Rodney Stevenson, Central Michigan	So	9	14	0	0	84	9.3
Lars Tate, Georgia	Jr.	11	17	0	0	102	9.3
Scott Slater, Texas A&M	Jr.	11	0	37	21	100	9.1
Gary Coston, Arizona	Fr.	11	0	34	21	97	8.8
Tim Lashar, Oklahoma	Sr.	11	0	60	12	96	8.7
Barry Belli, Fresno State	Jr.	11	0	33	21	96	8.7
Kelvin Farmer, Toledo	Sr.	11	16	0	0	96	8.7
Bobby Humphrey, Alabama	So.	12	17	2	0	104	8.7
Chris Kinzer, Virginia Tech	So.	11	0	27	22	93	8.5
Jeff Jaeger, Washington	Sr.	11	0	42	17	93	8.5

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Cl.	RUSHING Car.	RUSHING Gain	RUSHING Loss	RUSHING Net	PASSING Att.	PASSING Yds.	TOTAL OFFENSE Pls.	TOTAL OFFENSE Yds.	TOTAL OFFENSE YDPL	TOTAL OFFENSE TD	TOTAL OFFENSE YPG
Mike Perez, San Jose State	Jr.	41	141	106	35	384	2934	425	2969	7.0	14	329.9
Todd Ellis, South Carolina	Fr.	96	221	266	-45	340	3020	436	2975	6.8	23	270.5
Cody Carlson, Baylor	Sr.	107	535	179	356	287	2284	394	2640	6.7	13	264.0
Sammy Garza, UTEP	Sr.	93	205	343	-138	410	3140	503	3002	6.0	24	250.2
Vinny Testaverde, Miami(Fla.)	Sr.	46	131	234	-103	276	2557	322	2454	7.6	30	245.4
Mike Elkins, Wake Forest	So.	20	23	121	-98	380	2541	400	2443	6.1	17	244.3
Dan Henning, Maryland	Jr.	65	171	215	-44	353	2725	418	2681	6.4	16	243.7
Terrence Jones, Tulane	So.	158	780	233	547	284	2124	442	2671	6.0	18	242.8
Erik Wilhelm, Oregon State	So.	75	122	328	-206	470	2871	545	2665	4.9	9	242.3
Larry Egger, Utah	Sr.	46	41	177	-136	382	2761	428	2625	6.1	21	238.6

RECEIVING

	Cl.	Ct.	Yds.	CTPG
Mark Templeton, Long Beach St.	Sr.	99	688	9.0
Loren Richey, Utah	Jr.	67	775	7.4
Wendell Davis, Louisiana State	Jr.	80	1244	7.3
Dave Montagne, Oregon State	Sr.	78	862	7.1
Sterling Sharpe, South Carolina	Jr.	74	1106	6.7
Guy Liggins, San Jose State	Jr.	72	983	6.5
Marc Zeno, Tulane	Jr.	68	1033	6.2
James Brim, Wake Forest	Sr.	66	930	6.0
Rod Bernstine, Texas A&M	Sr.	65	710	5.9
Craig McEwen, Utah	Sr.	64	721	5.8



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Emfinger's Top 100

Name-Position	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	College
1. Randy Simmons, rb	6-2	215	McKinney, Texas	Texas A&M
2. Mickey Joseph, qb	5-10	175	New Orleans, La.	Nebraska
3. Stacey Dillard, dt	6-7	285	Clarksville, Texas	Oklahoma
4. Claude Jones, og	6-3	265	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
5. Darnell Dickerson, qb	6-4	200	Detroit, Mich.	Pittsburgh
6. Darren Lewis, rb	5-10	205	Dallas, Texas	Texas A&M
7. Louis Riddick, s	6-3	205	Perkasie, Pa.	Pittsburgh
8. Anthony Ray, rb	6-2	215	Wharton, Texas	Baylor
9. Leroy Thompson, rb	5-11	200	Knoxville, Tenn.	Penn State
10. Frank Jacobs, te	6-5	226	Cincinnati, Ohio	Notre Dame
11. John Derby, ilb	6-2	225	Oconomowoc, Wis.	Iowa
12. Leotis Flowers, rb	6-0	190	Omaha, Neb.	Nebraska
13. John Johnson, de	6-3	215	La Grange, Ga.	Clemson
14. David Rocker, dt	6-4	260	Atlanta, Ga.	Auburn
15. Marc Spindler, dt	6-5	265	West Scranton, Pa.	Pittsburgh
16. Johnny Walker, wr	6-0	170	San Antonio, Texas	Texas
17. Tony Brooks, rb	6-2	215	Tulsa, Okla.	Notre Dame
18. Junior Seau, olb	6-3	225	Oceanside, Calif.	USC
19. Rob Phenix, dt	6-8	270	Rosemount, Minn.	Texas Christian
20. Brian Kelly, ot	6-5	250	Walteria, Calif.	UCLA
21. Dean Dingman, og	6-3	265	East Troy, Wis.	Michigan
22. Ryan Shea, og	6-4	235	Sacramento, Calif.	Stanford
23. George Hemingway, rb	6-2	225	Colton, Calif.	Colorado
24. Paul Moore, rb	6-1	225	Miami, Fla.	Florida State
25. Tommy Booker, rb	6-1	195	Vista, Calif.	San Diego State
26. Mike Gaddis, rb	6-2	200	Midwest City, Okla.	Oklahoma
27. Kenny Ford, qb	6-0	175	Port Arthur, Texas	Oklahoma State
28. LeMonte Tellis, og	6-4	275	Dunwoody, Ga.	Georgia
29. Mike Brandon, dt	6-4	245	Perry, Fla.	Florida
30. Jeff Huff, l	6-3	272	Deer Park, Texas	Texas A&M
31. Anthony Morgan, wr	6-1	198	Cleveland, Ohio	Tennessee
32. Keith McCants, ilb	6-4	236	Mobile, Ala.	Alabama
33. Mark D'Onofrio, ilb	6-3	228	North Bergen, N.J.	Penn State
34. Tripp Welborne, wr	6-1	188	Greensboro, N.C.	Michigan
35. Alfred Williams, de	6-6	230	Houston, Texas	Colorado
36. Matt Britton, ilb	6-3	220	Miami, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
37. Barry Foster, rb	5-11	190	Duncanville, Texas	Arkansas
38. Jason Palumbis, qb	6-3	205	Lake Oswego, Oregon	Stanford
39. Matt Darby, s	6-2	180	Virginia Beach, Va.	UCLA
40. Joey Allen, ot	6-5	255	Chicago, Ill.	Notre Dame
41. Paul Siever, ot	6-5	245	Downingtown, Pa.	Penn State
42. Patrick Rowe, wr	6-1	180	San Diego, Calif.	San Diego State
43. George Williams, nt	6-4	280	Willingboro, N.J.	Notre Dame
44. Craig Erickson, qb	6-2	185	W. Palm Beach, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
45. Doug Scott, rb	6-4	230	Iowa City, Iowa	Iowa
46. Steve Ramer, olb	6-3	219	Monroeville, Ala.	Alabama
47. Eugene Burkhalter, s	6-1	180	Long Beach, Calif.	Washington
48. Keith Traylor, ilb	6-4	220	Malvern, Ark.	Undecided
49. Kelvin Pritchett, dt	6-3	260	Atlanta, Ga.	Mississippi
50. Chris Parker, rb	6-1	198	Jacksonville, Fla.	Florida State
51. Kelvin Hankins, ot	6-5	265	Camden, N.J.	Clemson
52. Lance Flachsbarth, qb	6-5	210	Lawrence, Kan.	Kansas
53. Deems May, qb	6-5	200	Lexington, N.C.	North Carolina
54. Derek Russell, wr	6-1	185	Little Rock, Ark.	Arkansas
55. John Stewart, rb	6-2	215	Riceboro, Ga.	Auburn
56. Eric Bush, qb	6-3	185	Quincy, Ill.	Michigan
57. Carlos Snow, rb	5-8	190	Cincinnati, Ohio	Ohio State
58. Brad Culpepper, og	6-2	253	Tallahassee, Fla.	Florida
59. Dave Turner, og	6-4	245	Clinton, Iowa	Iowa
60. Dave Diebolt, te	6-4	235	Mayfield, Ohio	Michigan
61. Emmitt Smith, rb	5-10	185	Pensacola, Fla.	Florida
62. Sean Howard, olb	6-4	220	Woodland Hills, Calif.	UCLA
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68. Chris Zorich, ilb	6-1	240	Chicago, Ill.	Notre Dame
69. Scott Spalding, ot	6-5	250	El Toro, Calif.	UCLA
70. Chris Drossos, olb	6-3	225	Carmel, Ind.	Purdue
71. Randal Hill, cb	5-11	175	Miami, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
72. Dwayne Spann, c	6-6	290	La Porte, Texas	Arkansas
73. Jerry Parks, cb	5-9	170	Fort Bend, Texas	Oklahoma
74. Andy Kelly, qb	6-4	200	Evensville, Tenn.	Tennessee
75. Eddie Miller, wr	6-0	178	Decatur, Ga.	South Carolina
76. Ricky Vestal, qb	6-4	205	Houston, Tex.	Baylor
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84. Steve Webb, de	6-3	238	Holt, Ala.	Alabama
85. Eric Holzworth, olb	6-3	222	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Pittsburgh
86. Brian Boerboom, ol	6-7	250	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Nebraska
87. Bobby Craycraft, og	6-5	275	Ashland, Ky.	Vanderbilt
88. James Rae, ot	6-5	250	Yorba Linda, Calif.	UCLA
89. Mark Benson, qb	6-4	190	Buffalo Grove, Ill.	Northwestern
90. Peter Rausch, dt	6-6	235	Fort Myers, Fla.	Notre Dame
91. Todd Lyght, wr	6-1	174	Flint, Mich.	Notre Dame
92. James Graham, rb	5-10	207	Long Beach, N.Y.	Ohio State
93. Pat Stant, olb	6-4	195	New Orleans, La.	Tulane
94. Cory Booker, te	6-4	220	Harrington Park, N.J.	Stanford
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97. Pete Moore, ot	6-6	265	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	Pittsburgh
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99. Rob Turner, wr	5-11	175	Indianapolis, Ind.	Indiana
100. Gary Brown, rb	5-11	187	Williamsport, Pa.	Penn State

by Gary Rausch

Like a chief mechanic working feverishly in the hours just before the Indianapolis 500, Max Emfinger fine-tuned his computer to present *Athlon* readers with the most reliable gauge of college football's 1987 top recruiting classes.

His ratings established Texas A&M as having rounded up the best freshman class. Jackie Sherrill landed the most potent knockout punch in the Southwest Conference since Eric Dickerson and Craig James arrived at Southern Methodist.

In Randy Simmons and Darren Lewis, the Aggies lassoed not just the premier running backs in Texas—Baylor will argue for equally celebrated Anthony Ray—but two of the finest in America.

However, Emfinger, publisher of *National High School Football Magazine*, didn't award the mythical recruiting title to Texas A&M on the basis of two blue-chip signees.

The Aggies were No. 1 as the result of voting by 31 coaches, who judged prospects on a 1-to-10 scale. Every member of each school's recruiting class was rated, incoming freshmen as well as transfers from two- and four-year institutions.

Then Emfinger asked his computer to add and average the points for the 15 highest-rated players at each school. Like gymnastic competition, the results sometimes differed by only one-hundredth of a point.

"For years I've used what I call a power rating," says Emfinger. "That's awarding four points to any player with a rating of 9.5 or higher, three points for 9.2 to 9.4, two for 8.8 to 9.1 and one point for anyone scoring 8.0 to 8.7. Then I'd just add all the points.

"It wasn't fair to the team that signed just 20 players versus one that signed 30. I believe taking only the top 15 is a better indicator. Down the road a few years, we'll probably see the scholarship limit dropped to 75. Schools will be taking 15 every year after normal attrition. Besides, most schools find that only about 75 kids make any kind of contribution in a given year anyway."

Surprisingly, behind A&M (139.67) were three schools coming off virtually break-even seasons: Florida (139.37), Notre Dame (139.01) and Pittsburgh (138.81). Then came last year's runner-up, UCLA, at 137.71.

"The Bruins would not have been in my top 10 without their three major college transfers," says Emfinger.

David Richards (6-5, 305) and Ben Hummel (6-4, 230), starters at SMU, became free agents when the NCAA dealt the Mustangs the "death penalty." Troy Aikman (6-4, 217) was Oklahoma's starting quarterback before a broken left leg ended his sophomore season in the fourth game of 1985.

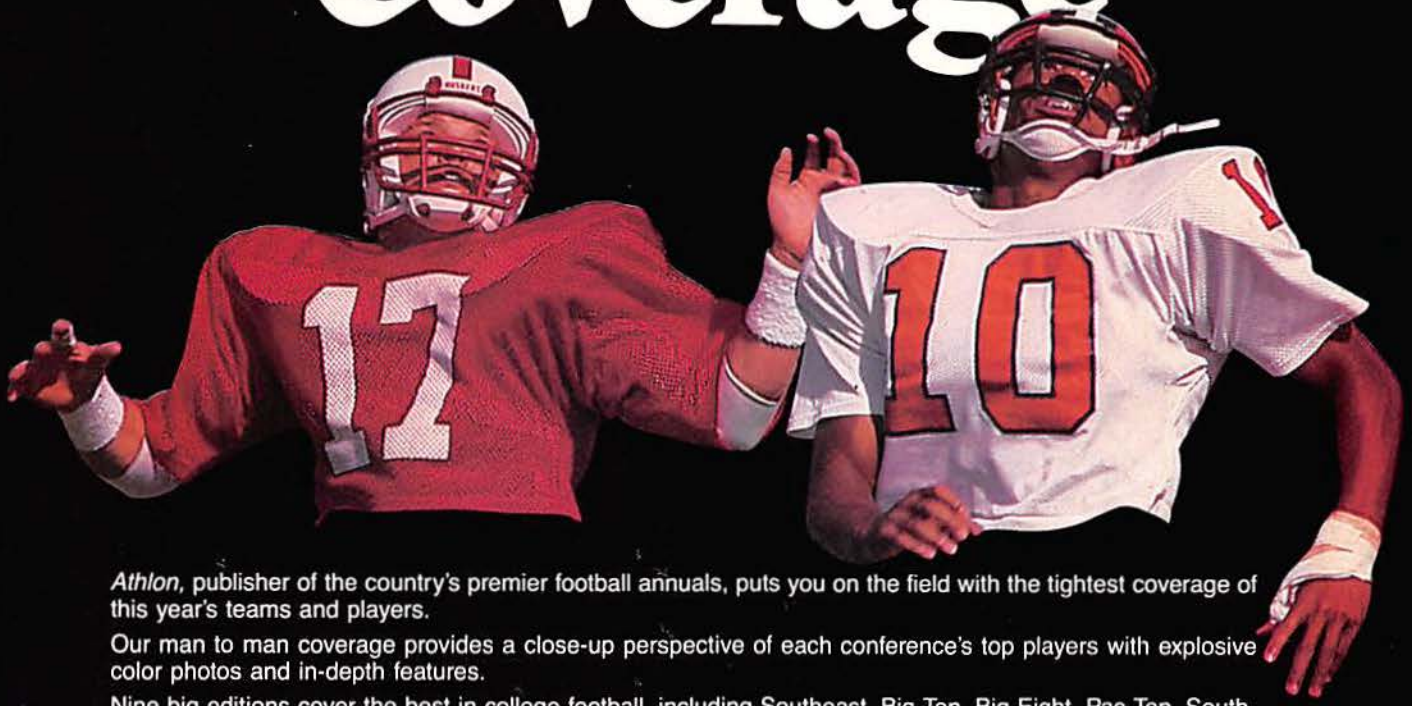
"Richards will probably start at offensive tackle and Hummel at linebacker," says Emfinger. "A lot of schools are crying because UCLA is on a quarter system, and those kids enrolled in early April and were in spring practice a week later."

Nebraska (137.38), Miami of Florida (137.37), Arizona State (136.63), Illinois (136.55) and Oklahoma (136.29) round out this year's top 10. Then come Tennessee (136.25), Clemson (135.78), Georgia (135.74), Southern California (135.53), Penn State (135.32), Ohio State (135.04), Michigan (134.42), Purdue (134.06), LSU (134.05) and Stanford (133.67).

"Vanderbilt had its best class ever," Emfinger adds. "San Diego State was the shocker of the year, getting Tommy Booker and Patrick Rowe."

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BIG EIGHT 1986 REVIEW

STANDINGS

	Conf.	Overall
OKLAHOMA	7-0-0	11-1-0
COLORADO	6-1-0	6-6-0
NEBRASKA	5-2-0	10-2-0
OKLAHOMA STATE	4-3-0	6-5-0
IOWA STATE	3-4-0	6-5-0
MISSOURI	2-5-0	3-8-0
KANSAS STATE	1-6-0	2-9-0
KANSAS	0-7-0	3-8-0

HIGHLIGHTS

Oklahoma swept through the Big Eight Conference making a strong run to repeat as national champions. The Sooners' only loss came against the Miami Hurricanes in Miami. The Sooners finished first nationally in all defensive categories as well as Rushing and Scoring Offense. Nebraska joined Oklahoma in the top five of both the AP and UPI final polls. Individually, Rod Smith of Nebraska led the nation in punt returns with a 18.9 yard average. Brian Bosworth and Keith Jackson of Oklahoma and Danny Noonan of Nebraska were unanimous All-Americans. Three teams represented the Big 8 in bowls last year. Oklahoma was a 42-9 winner over Arkansas in the Orange Bowl. Nebraska defeated LSU 30-15 in the Sugar Bowl and Colorado lost to Baylor in the Blue-Bonnett Bowl. Big 8 teams posted a 17-15 mark against non-conference opponents.

TEAM STATISTICS

RUSHING OFFENSE

Team	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Oklahoma	11	719	4452	6.2	51	404.7
Nebraska	11	656	3360	5.1	40	305.5
Colorado	11	620	2765	4.5	26	251.4
Missouri	11	560	2068	3.7	11	188.0
Kansas State	11	503	1418	2.8	8	128.9
Oklahoma State	11	445	1411	3.2	9	128.3
Iowa State	11	440	1260	2.9	13	114.5
Kansas	11	337	806	2.4	6	73.3

RUSHING DEFENSE

Team	G	Pls.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Oklahoma	11	408	668	1.6	1	60.7
Nebraska	11	442	1051	2.4	7	95.5
Colorado	11	468	1437	3.1	12	130.6
Iowa State	11	547	1926	3.5	17	175.1
Oklahoma State	11	559	2193	3.9	11	199.4
Missouri	11	520	2520	4.8	29	229.1
Kansas State	11	536	2683	5.0	31	243.9
Kansas	11	628	2770	4.4	25	251.8

PASSING OFFENSE

Team	G	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	YPG
Iowa State	11	323	166	9	51.4	2183	18	198.5
Oklahoma State	11	345	164	15	47.5	2058	11	187.1
Kansas	11	378	192	20	50.8	1980	7	180.0
Kansas State	11	248	108	19	43.5	1375	5	125.0
Missouri	11	194	89	12	45.9	1160	10	105.5
Nebraska	11	168	73	10	43.5	1074	11	97.6
Colorado	11	87	41	7	47.1	775	4	70.5
Oklahoma	11	88	38	6	43.2	758	7	68.9

PASSING DEFENSE

Team	G	Pls.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	YPG
Oklahoma	11	263	128	18	48.7	1198	7	108.9
Oklahoma State	11	193	105	12	54.4	1331	6	121.0
Nebraska	11	258	123	14	47.7	1539	10	139.9
Kansas	11	239	136	10	56.9	1600	13	145.5
Iowa State	11	253	104	4	41.1	1601	13	145.5
Colorado	11	305	157	14	51.5	1669	4	151.7
Kansas State	11	261	128	20	49.0	1822	13	165.6
Missouri	11	270	159	16	58.9	2066	9	187.8

TOTAL OFFENSE

Team	G	Pls.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Oklahoma	11	807	5210	6.5	58	473.6
Nebraska	11	824	4434	5.4	51	403.1
Colorado	11	707	3540	5.0	30	321.8
Oklahoma State	11	790	3469	4.4	20	315.4
Iowa State	11	763	3443	4.5	31	313.0
Missouri	11	754	3228	4.3	21	293.5
Kansas State	11	751	2793	3.7	13	253.9
Kansas	11	715	2786	3.9	13	253.3

TOTAL DEFENSE

Team	G	Pls.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Oklahoma	11	671	1866	2.8	8	169.6
Nebraska	11	700	2590	3.7	17	235.5
Colorado	11	773	3106	4.0	16	282.4
Oklahoma State	11	752	3524	4.7	17	320.4
Iowa State	11	800	3527	4.4	30	320.6
Kansas	11	867	4370	5.0	38	397.3
Kansas State	11	797	4505	5.7	44	409.5
Missouri	11	790	4586	5.8	38	416.9

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

Player and School	Cl.	G	Att.	Cmp.	Cmp. Pct.	Int.	Int. Pct.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Rating Points
Jamelle Holieway, Oklahoma	So.	10	63	30	47.6	6	9.5	541	8.6	4	121.7
Alex Espinoza, Iowa State	Sr.	11	299	153	51.2	10	3.3	2023	6.8	15	118.5
Mike Gundy, Oklahoma State	Fr.	9	225	117	52.0	5	2.2	1525	6.8	8	116.2
Jeff Henningsen, Missouri	Jr.	9	82	40	48.8	6	7.3	506	6.2	4	102.1
Steve Taylor, Nebraska	So.	10	124	52	41.9	7	5.6	808	6.5	6	101.3
Ronnie Cameron, Missouri	So.	9	111	49	44.1	6	5.4	654	5.9	6	100.7
Mike Orth, Kansas	Jr.	9	290	144	49.7	12	4.1	1548	5.3	7	94.2
Mark Hatcher, Colorado	Jr.	10	66	28	42.4	7	10.6	493	7.5	2	94.0
Randy Williams, Kansas State	Jr.	10	197	88	44.7	13	6.6	1069	5.4	4	83.8
Kelly Donohoe, Kansas	Fr.	11	87	48	55.2	7	8.0	432	5.0	0	80.8

RUSHING

Player and School	Cl.	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Keith Jones, Nebraska	Jr.	10	161	830	5.2	14	83.0
Jamelle Holieway, Oklahoma	So.	10	139	811	5.8	8	81.1
Darrell Wallace, Missouri	Jr.	11	211	872	4.1	4	79.3
Thurman Thomas, Okla. State	Jr.	11	173	741	4.3	4	67.4
Tony Jordan, Kansas State	Jr.	11	202	738	3.7	6	67.1
Arnold Snell, Kansas	So.	11	164	672	4.1	3	61.1
O.C. Oliver, Colorado	Fr.	11	136	668	4.9	6	60.7
Mark Hatcher, Colorado	Jr.	10	155	552	3.6	4	55.2
Lydell Carr, Oklahoma	Jr.	10	101	548	5.4	5	54.8
Steve Taylor, Nebraska	So.	10	130	537	4.1	9	53.7

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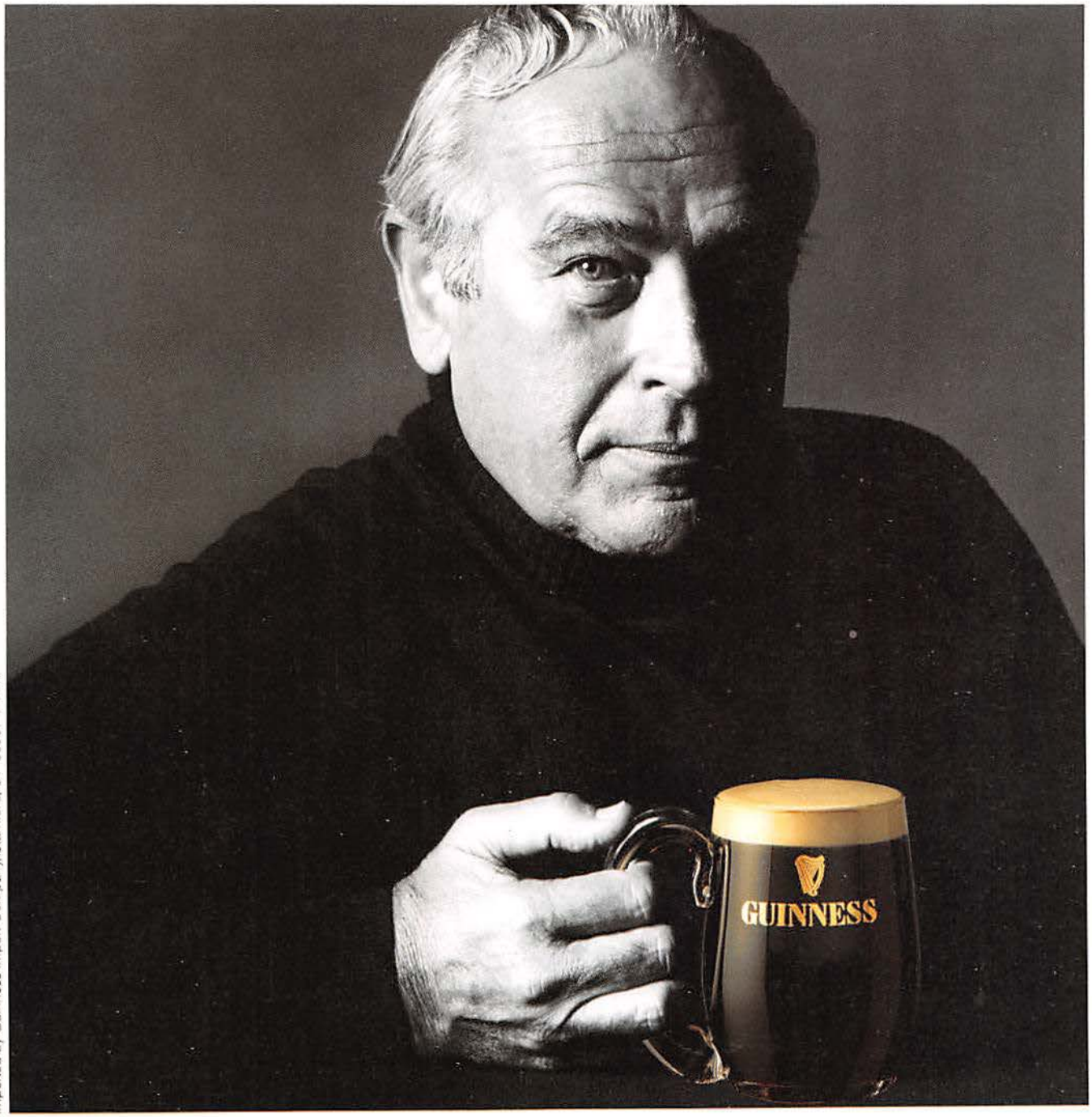
Player and School	Cl.	G	Ct.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	CTPG
Hart Lee Dykes, Oklahoma State	So.	11	60	814	13.6	7	5.5
Willie Vaughn, Kansas	So.	10	41	341	8.3	2	4.1
Ronnie Caldwell, Kansas	Jr.	11	39	423	10.8	2	3.5
Robbie Minor, Iowa State	Jr.	11	35	592	16.9	4	3.2
Arnold Snell, Kansas	So.	11	34	250	7.4	2	3.1
Dan Hughes, Kansas State	Jr.	11	28	413	14.8	2	2.5
Tony Harvey, Kansas	Jr.	11	25	378	15.1	1	2.3
Dennis Ross, Iowa State	So.	11	23	312	13.6	0	2.1
Andrew Jackson, Iowa State	Sr.	11	21	97	4.6	1	1.9
Herbert Johnson, Missouri	Sr.	10	17	167	9.8	3	1.7

SCORING

Player and School	Cl.	G	TD	PAT	FG	Pts.	PTPG
Tim Lashar, Oklahoma	Sr.	11	0	60	12	96	8.7
Keith Jones, Nebraska	Jr.	10	14	0	0	84	8.4
Dale Klein, Nebraska	Jr.	11	0	51	10	81	7.4
Rick Frank, Iowa State	Sr.	11	0	30	11	63	5.7
Tom Whelihan, Missouri	Jr.	11	0	17	15	62	5.6
Steve Taylor, Nebraska	So.	10	9	0	0	54	5.4
Jamelle Holieway, Oklahoma	So.	10	8	0	0	48	4.8
Dave DeLine, Colorado	So.	11	0	28	8	52	4.7
Eric Mitchel, Oklahoma	So.	9	7	0	0	42	4.7

PUNTING

Player and School	Cl.	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Barry Helton, Colorado	Jr.	57	2599	45.6
Rick Frank, Iowa State	Sr.	81	3422	42.2
Tom Whelihan, Missouri	Jr.	75	3115	41.5
Cary Cooper, Oklahoma State	Jr.	76	3023	39.8
John Kroeker, Nebraska	So.	46	1824	39.7
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ELECTRONIC E/FI FUEL INJECTION

ROOM FOR CARGO.

Behind S-10 Blazer's optional rear bench seat, there's space for up to 28.1 cu. ft. of cargo.

Chevy S-10 Blazer. For all practical purposes, there's really nothing like it.

Tires supplied by various manufacturers.

Let's get it together... buckle up.

GM 6/60 QUALITY COMMITMENT PLAN

See your Chevrolet dealer for terms and conditions of the new limited powertrain warranty.

